

M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider
Reimbursements

All appropriations provided for the program – M00Q01.03 are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose.

Further provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) shall work with managed care entities and other health providers to establish a plan to: (1) identify Medicaid enrollees at risk for chronic kidney disease through routine clinical laboratory assessment of kidney function; (2) evaluate those individuals; and (3) determine if early identification and appropriate management of risk factors can improve health conditions and prolonged kidney function, thereby delaying disease progression to End Stage Renal Disease. DHMH shall also prepare information for physicians and other health care providers regarding generally accepted standards of clinical care in the clinical management of high risk individuals and shall report on projected cost savings and health outcomes that result from early identification and clinical management of individuals at highest risk for chronic kidney disease.

Further provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) shall sanction HealthChoice managed care organizations with calendar 2002 medical loss ratios below 85 84 percent and calendar 2002 Health Plan Employer Data Information Set (HEDIS) outcomes that are below the average for all of Maryland's Medicaid managed care organizations. The penalty shall equal 50 percent of the difference between the premium paid to the managed care organization and the premium that would have resulted in an 85 84 percent medical