

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - ~~State Government~~ Health - General

Section ~~9-3A-01 through 9-3A-08~~ 20-1001 through 20-1007, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3A- 10. Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities"

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Preamble

WHEREAS, The cost of racial and ethnic disparities in health care has a substantial negative economic impact on the State; and

WHEREAS, There is a social and economic benefit to ensuring that minorities have access to preventive health care; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

20-904.

(d) The plan shall include recommendations to coordinate existing programs related to health care disparities by:

- (1) Identifying available funding;
- (2) Identifying any gaps in service delivery based on gender, race, ethnicity, and poverty;
- (3) Reducing the duplication of available health care services;
- (4) Reducing the fragmentation of health care services; [and]
- (5) Identifying outcome measures to reduce health care disparities; AND
- (6) ASSESSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION TO BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES THAT WOULD ASSIST THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.