

Maryland Insurance Commissioner to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; requiring that interest on and other income from the Fund be separately accounted for; providing that the debts and obligations of the Fund are not debts and obligations of the State or a pledge of credit of the State; providing that the Fund consists of the revenue imposed from the premium tax on health maintenance organizations and managed care organizations and interest on and other income from the Fund; establishing the Medical Assistance Program Account within the Fund; authorizing the Commissioner to enter into certain agreements with medical professional liability insurers to provide certain disbursements from the Fund for a certain purpose in certain years; requiring certain medical professional liability insurers to establish a certain account for a certain purpose; providing that the Fund may not incur an obligation until a certain time; providing that certain medical professional liability insurers are eligible for disbursements from the Fund based on a certain schedule; requiring medical professional liability insurers to apply for disbursements from the Fund on a certain form and in a certain manner; providing that for statutory accounting purposes the Commissioner shall allow certain medical professional liability insurers a certain credit for disbursements made from the Fund; requiring disbursements from the Fund to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to be expended to increase fee-for-service physician rates for certain procedures and to increase payments by managed care organizations for certain specialty physician services; prohibiting disbursements from the Fund to the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland under certain circumstances; requiring that the receipts and disbursements of the Fund be audited annually; requiring that certain unused portions of the Fund revert to the General Fund of the State; requiring the Commissioner to adopt regulations that specify the information that medical professional liability insurers shall submit to receive disbursement from the Fund; requiring the Commissioner to report certain information to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before a certain date each year; providing that a certain rate filing is subject to a certain provision of the Insurance Article; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing that certain amounts may be provided to medical professional liability insurers upon the termination of this Act; requiring that unused money remaining in the Fund shall revert to the General Fund upon the termination of this Act; requiring that unused payments made to medical professional liability insurers for certain reserved claims revert to the General Fund; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; ~~requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to audit the Health Claims Arbitration Fund and certain transactions to determine certain obligations as of a certain date; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to make a certain report by a certain date; requiring the Health Claims Arbitration Office to return certain money to the General Fund by a certain date; that on a certain date the "Health Claims Arbitration Office" be renamed the "Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office"; authorizing the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland to correct certain references;~~ requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to include in certain rates ~~a certain amount~~ of funding for certain patient safety initiatives