

(b) The purposes of the Fund are to:

(1) retain health care providers in the State by allowing medical professional liability insurers to collect rates that are less than the rates approved under § 11-201 of this article;

(2) increase fee-for-service rates paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to health care providers identified under § 19-807 of this subtitle;

(3) pay managed care organization health care providers identified under § 19-807 of this subtitle consistent with fee-for-service health care provider rates;

(4) increase capitation payments to managed care organizations participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program consistent with § 15-103(b)(18) of the Health - General Article; and

(5) during the period that an allocation is made to the Rate Stabilization Account, subsidize up to \$350,000 annually to provide for the costs incurred by the Commissioner to administer the Fund.

(g) The Fund comprises:

(1) the Rate Stabilization Account from which disbursements shall be made to pay for health care provider rate subsidies; and

(2) the Medical Assistance Program Account from which disbursements shall be made to:

(i) provide an increase in fee-for-service health care provider rates paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(ii) provide an increase for managed care organization health care providers consistent with fee-for-service health care provider rate increases;

(iii) provide an increase in capitation payments to managed care organizations participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program consistent with § 15-103(b)(18) of the Health - General Article; and

(iv) after fiscal year 2009, maintain rates for health care providers and generally to support the operations of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.