

~~(ii) On or before October 1, 2007, to the extent feasible, the system shall incorporate INFORMATION ON racial and ethnic variations.~~

~~(4) (i) The Commission may adopt regulations to establish the system of evaluation provided under this subsection.~~

~~(ii) Before adopting regulations to implement an evaluation system under this subsection, the Commission shall:~~

~~1. Consider the performance measurements of appropriate accreditation organizations, State licensure regulations, Medicare certification regulations, the quality indicator project of the Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems, and any other relevant performance measurements;~~

~~2. Evaluate the desirability and feasibility of developing a consumer clearinghouse on health care information using existing available data; and~~

~~3. On or before January 1, 2001, report to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on any performance evaluation developed under this subsection.~~

~~(5) The Commission may contract with a private entity to implement the system required under this subsection provided that the entity is not a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility.~~

~~(6) (i) The comparable evaluation system established under this subsection shall include health care associated infection information from hospitals.~~

~~(ii) The comparable evaluation system shall adhere, to the extent possible, to the current recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee regarding public reporting of health care associated infections.~~

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~~(ggg) (1) The provisions of [§ 15-131] § 27-914 of the Insurance Article apply to health maintenance organizations.~~

~~(2) FOR PURPOSES OF § 27-914(C) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE, §§ 4-113, 4-114, 27-501, AND 27-505 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.~~

~~Article Insurance~~