

~~(1) MAY ASSESS AN AMOUNT IN HOSPITAL RATES EQUAL TO A PORTION OF THE RESULTING SAVINGS REALIZED IN HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE; AND~~

~~(H) SHALL ADJUST RATES TO RETURN SAVINGS TO PAYORS.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE SAVINGS IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR EACH HOSPITAL INDIVIDUALLY.~~

(1) SHALL DETERMINE THE SAVINGS REALIZED IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR EACH HOSPITAL INDIVIDUALLY; AND

(II) MAY ASSESS AN AMOUNT IN EACH HOSPITAL'S RATES EQUAL TO A PORTION OF THE SAVINGS REALIZED IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR THAT HOSPITAL.

(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT ANY SAVINGS REALIZED IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BE SHARED AMONG PURCHASERS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS MOST EQUITABLE.

(3) EACH HOSPITAL SHALL REMIT ANY ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-701 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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15-1201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) "Commission" means the Maryland Health Care Commission established under Title 19, Subtitle 1 of the Health - General Article.

(e) (1) "Eligible employee" means:

(i) an individual who: