

## CHAPTER 113

(Senate Bill 590)

AN ACT concerning

**Medical Assistance and Other State Programs - Dental Services**

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~certain managed care organizations to provide access by its enrollees to certain dental services to increase utilization of dental services in accordance with certain utilization targets established by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in an Oral Health Care Plan to issue a request for proposals for the administration of dental services for recipients of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for the purpose of making a certain comparison between managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations; requiring the Department to provide certain access to program recipients to dental services in accordance with certain utilization targets of the Department; requiring that dental services for pregnant women be included as a benefit under a certain program under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Department, in cooperation with representatives of the dental community care community, dental managed care organizations, and managed care organizations in the State, to make a certain assessment, develop and implement a certain strategy, and establish a certain plan for a certain period that sets certain utilization targets for dental services; requiring a certain plan to include a certain assessment process and a certain statewide follow-up survey; requiring the Department to collaborate with representatives of the dental community care community, dental managed care organizations, and managed care organizations in the State concerning the design and implementation of a certain assessment process and survey; requiring the Department, subject to the State budget, to establish an Office of Oral Health in the Department with certain responsibilities, including the establishment of certain demonstration projects for certain high-risk children in certain State programs; requiring the Department to submit a certain annual report to the General Assembly; requiring the Department to ensure a certain equivalency in the provision of dental services to certain enrollees of a managed care organization or a dental managed care organization; requiring the Department, on or before a certain date, to apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a special waiver to qualify for additional federal funds on a certain basis; defining ~~a certain term~~ certain terms; and generally relating to the provision of dental services under certain State programs.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-101 and ~~15-103(b)(9)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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