

~~(3)~~ (4) establishing one or more demonstration projects for high-risk children in populations for whom dental services are not ordinarily available, such as children in school-based health clinics, Head Start programs, pediatric ambulatory centers, and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit a report to the General Assembly annually concerning:

(1) the availability and accessibility of dentists throughout the State participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

~~(1)~~ (2) the outcomes that managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program achieve concerning the utilization targets required by Section 2 of this Act, including:

(i) loss ratios that the managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations experience for providing dental services; and

(ii) corrective action by managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations to achieve the utilization targets; and

~~(2)~~ (3) the allocation and use of funds authorized by this Act.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall ensure that dental services equivalent to those provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program are provided to any portion of the enrollees of a managed care organization or a dental managed care organization that the State may move to private health insurance.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before December 1, 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a special waiver to qualify for additional federal matching funds based on the extensive level of dental services needed by children in this State.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 114

(Senate Bill 634)

AN ACT concerning

Breast Cancer Screening Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a Breast Cancer ~~Screening~~ Program; specifying that the Program is to