

THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR BREAST CANCER SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF STATE FUNDS.

~~(E) BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST \$4,200,000 EACH YEAR FROM ITS GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE PROGRAM TO EXPAND UPON THE EXISTING FEDERALLY FUNDED CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM.~~

~~(F)~~ ~~(E)~~ (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM;  
AND

(2) WORK WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO ASSURE THAT BREAST CANCER SCREENING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO WOMEN AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its progress and its plans for implementation of the Breast Cancer Program, including funding for screening, diagnosis, and treatment of the Breast Cancer Screening Program, established under § 20-116 of the Health - General Article.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 116

(House Bill 1366)

AN ACT concerning

### Health Maintenance Organizations - Annual External Review of Quality

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct an annual external review of the quality of health care services of health maintenance organizations under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-705.1(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: