SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 434

(Senate Bill 759)

AN ACT concerning

Medical Assistance - Federally Qualified Health Centers - Supplemental Payment

FOR the purpose of establishing a supplemental payment to federally qualified health centers to be paid by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in an amount that equals the difference between the payment received by the centers from managed care organizations and the reasonable cost to the centers in providing these services to enrollees who are Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; providing for the reduction and termination of the supplemental payment; requiring the Department to conduct a review of payments to the centers from managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, to set aside a certain amount from the capitation payment to the managed care organizations; requiring a certain report; and providing for the termination of this Act.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

15-103.

- (E) (1) AT LEAST QUARTERLY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY TO A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PAYMENT RECEIVED BY THE CENTER FROM A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AND THE REASONABLE COST TO THE CENTER IN PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES.
- (2) THE REASONABLE COST TO A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO ENROLLEES SHALL BE DETERMINED IN