budget committees, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee which outlines how it will ensure that managed care organizations reimburse providers in a timely manner. The department's plan should address the forthcoming recommendations of the Office of Legislative Audits with respect to provider payments and the timing of the capitation payments made to managed care organizations.

Special Fund Appropriation.....

Federal Fund Appropriation.....

1,031,662,440 1,034,962,440 1,028,962,440 16,073,695 1,030,739,438 1,019,539,438 1,016,839,438

2,005,675,573 2,067,275,573 2,067,875,673 2,061,875,573

All appropriations provided for the program - MQ01.03 are to be used only for the purposes herein appropriated, and there shall be no budgetary transfer to any other program or purpose, except that funds may be transferred to the Mental Hygiene Administration to pay providers for services eligible for Medical Assistance reimbursement and general funds may be transferred to the Subcabinet Fund for of _ assisting local the purpose management boards in returning or diverting children from out-of-state placements. It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds travel with each child returned or diverted from a Medicaid-funded out-of-state placement in fiscal 1998 and fiscal 1999. Funds transferred should be equivalent to the number of days of in-state care provided to each child returned or diverted from a Medicaid-funded out-of-state placement by local management boards during fiscal 1999 multiplied by the average per diem general fund Medical Assistance cost of maintaining the child in an out-of-state placement. Funds should not be