

(f) "Program" means the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program.

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On or before January 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:

(1) the implementation of the Program; AND

(2) THE UNCOMPENSATED CARE SAVINGS DERIVED FROM THE PROGRAM AND THE METHODOLOGY USED BY THE COMMISSION TO TRACK THE UNCOMPENSATED CARE SAVINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene policy of imposing Medicaid day limits on hospital services shall cease effective July 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~funds generated from the assessment under this Act may be used only to:~~

~~(1) supplement coverage under the Medical Assistance Program beyond the eligibility requirements in existence on January 1, 2008;~~

~~(2) provide funding for the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and~~

~~(3) assist in eliminating Medicaid day limits on hospital services effective July 1, 2008 notwithstanding § 19-214(d)(1), (2), and (5) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, § 15-701 of the Health - General Article, or a delay in the expansion of health care coverage beyond July 1, 2008, under Chapter 7 of the Acts of the 2007 Special Session of the General Assembly:~~

(1) funds generated from the assessment under § 19-214(d)(1)(i) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, may be used to pay for the elimination of Medicaid day limits on hospital services for the period of July 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008; and

(2) the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall ensure that the assessment under § 19-214(d)(1)(i) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, does not exceed the savings realized in averted hospital uncompensated care from:

(i) the health care coverage expansion; and