

(D) (1) ~~THE~~ EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION ~~MAY~~ SHALL ASSESS A UNIFORM, BROAD-BASED, AND REASONABLE AMOUNT IN HOSPITAL RATES TO:

(I) REFLECT THE AGGREGATE REDUCTION IN HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE REALIZED FROM THE EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE ACTS OF THE 2007 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND

(II) OPERATE AND ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

(2) (I) FOR THE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

1. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ASSESSMENT AMOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED THE SAVINGS REALIZED IN AVERTED HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE FROM THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE EXPANSION; AND

2. EACH HOSPITAL SHALL REMIT ITS ASSESSMENT AMOUNT TO THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-701 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(II) ANY SAVINGS REALIZED IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE AS A RESULT OF THE EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE ACTS OF THE 2007 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SHARED AMONG PURCHASERS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES IN A MANNER THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS MOST EQUITABLE.

(3) FOR THE PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE ASSESSMENT:

~~1. SHALL BE REVENUE NEUTRAL TO EACH HOSPITAL; AND~~