

(13) Evaluate the feasibility of developing a capital grant program for community health resources that are not federally qualified health centers;

(14) Develop an outreach program to educate and inform individuals of the availability of community health resources and assist individuals under 200% of the federal poverty level who do not have health insurance to access health care services through community health resources;

(15) Study school-based health center funding and access issues including:

(i) Reimbursement of school-based health centers by managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; and

(ii) Methods to expand school-based health centers to provide primary care services;

(16) Study access and reimbursement issues regarding the provision of dental services;

(17) Evaluate the feasibility of extending liability protection under the Maryland Tort Claims Act to health care practitioners who contract directly with a community health resource that is also a Maryland qualified health center or a school-based health center; and

(18) Establish criteria and mechanisms to pay for office-based specialty care visits, diagnostic testing, and laboratory tests for uninsured individuals with family income that does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guidelines who are referred through community health resources.

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To facilitate its work, the Commission shall establish standing committees, including:

(1) The Committee on Capital and Operational Funding;

(2) The Committee on Hospital and Community Health Resources Relations;

(3) The Committee on School-based Community Health Clinic Center Expansion; and