

Medicaid Payments to Nursing Homes - Ceiling

FOR the purpose of requesting that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene authorize a study of the various formulas by which Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia determine the limit for Medicaid payments to nursing homes and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the formula which Maryland should use.

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of beds in nursing homes in the greater Washington, D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, Maryland employs a formula which places a lower ceiling on Medicaid payments to nursing homes than do Virginia and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Patients receiving Medicaid from Virginia and the District of Columbia are utilizing Maryland nursing homes, sometimes to the exclusion of patients receiving Medicaid from Maryland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly requests the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to authorize a study of the various cost related formulas used to determine the amount to be paid to nursing homes for the care of Medicaid patients, with particular emphasis on a comparison of the formulas used by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene prepare a report for the 1979 Session of the General Assembly setting forth potential courses of action to be taken, and the projected fiscal impact on the State for each course of action, in order to alleviate the problem of Maryland's Medicaid patients being denied beds since other jurisdictions pay higher rates for Medicaid patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Neil Solcman, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and to the Honorable John J. Kent, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Medical Care Programs, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

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