

SERVICES FOR PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES THROUGH COOPERATIVE INTERAGENCY EFFORTS;

~~(14) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHALL WORK IN CONJUNCTION~~ (15) DEVELOP JOINT LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH STRATEGIES TO PERSUADE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THOSE POLICIES THAT DISCOURAGE THE DELIVERY OF COST EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

~~(15) IF FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, EITHER THROUGH ADDITIONAL REVENUES OR THROUGH PROGRAM SAVINGS, THE PROGRAM SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION TO SERVE~~ (16) EVALUATE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THOSE PERSONS IN GREATEST WHOSE FINANCIAL NEED AND WHOSE OR HEALTH CARE NEEDS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES AS MOST CRITICAL ARE MOST ACUTE;

~~(16) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(17) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT ONGOING EVALUATIONS OF THE PROGRAM TO ASSESS THE PROGRAM'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS IMPROVING MARYLAND'S HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND HEALTH STATUS OF THE INDIGENT POPULATION; AND~~

(17) ESTABLISH MECHANISMS FOR AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING RECOVERIES AGAINST THIRD PARTIES PERMITTED UNDER CURRENT LAW AND EXPLORING ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR SEEKING TO RECOVER OTHER MONEYS EXPENDED BY THE PROGRAM.

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~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE AND REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR ON THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN TERMS OF QUALITY, ACCESS, AND COST EFFECTIVENESS MADE TO THE PROGRAM.~~

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(a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(2) The Program:

(i) Shall provide comprehensive medical and other health care for indigent individuals or medically indigent individuals or both;

(ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and the availability of federal funds, comprehensive medical and other health care for all pregnant women and, at a minimum, all children currently under the age of 1 [and each succeeding year increasing to the age of 3] whose family income falls below 185 PERCENT OF THE poverty level,