

**2013 Appropriation Act  
Item 307. MMMM**

**Health and Human Resources**

**Department Of Medical Assistance Services Language**

**Language:**

Page 280, after line 14, insert:

"JJJJ. Effective July 1, 2013, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall establish a Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee including, but not limited to, representatives from the following organizations: Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatricians – Virginia Chapter, Virginia College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Virginia Section, American College of Radiology, Psychiatric Society of Virginia, Virginia Medical Group Management Association, and Medical Society of Virginia. The committee shall also include representatives from each of the department's contracted managed care organizations and a representative from the Virginia Association of Health Plans. The committee shall work with the department to investigate the implementation of quality, cost-effective health care initiatives, to identify means to increase provider participation in the Medicaid program, to remove administrative obstacles to quality, to explore cost-effective patient care, and to address other matters as raised by the department or members of the committee. The committee shall meet semi-annually or more frequently if requested by the department or members of the committee. The department, in cooperation with the committee, shall report on the committee's activities annually to the Board of Medical Assistance Services and to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees and the Department of Planning and Budget no later than October 1 each year."

**Explanation:**

(This amendment adds language directing the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish a Medicaid Physician and Managed Care Liaison Committee to ensure access to quality, cost-effective care through the Medicaid program.)