

CHAPTER 16

(House Bill 2)

AN ACT concerning

Children's *Maryland Health Program Programs* Expansion Act of 2000

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for the Children and Families Health Care Program to certain individuals under a private option plan; requiring that certain individuals enrolled in the Program receive health benefits through an employer-sponsored health benefit plan or a certain managed care organization; establishing certain criteria for approval of a certain employer-sponsored health benefit plan; providing that certain individuals enrolled in the Program receive health benefits through certain managed care organizations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to perform certain administrative duties; requiring certain parents and guardians to pay a certain family contribution; changing the name of the Children and Families Health Care Program; providing that certain individuals are exempt from certain enrollment restrictions; ~~authorizing the Department to disapprove a certain application if the applicant was covered by certain insurance that was voluntarily terminated within a certain time frame;~~ specifying that certain benefits offered under a certain employer-sponsored health benefit plan are subject to certain requirements; specifying that certain carriers that offer certain benefits are required to offer the benefits only to certain employers; *altering the income threshold for pregnant women to receive certain benefits under the Medical Assistance Program;* *requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date;* making certain stylistic and technical changes; providing for the effective dates of this Act; defining certain terms; providing for ~~a~~ a delayed effective ~~date~~ ~~date~~ ~~dates~~ ~~for portions of this Act;~~ and generally relating to health insurance coverage for children.

BY repealing

Article - Health - General

Section 15-301(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-301.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section ~~15-101(f) and 15-301 through 15-304, inclusive,~~ to be under the