

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision in this subsection, moneys may not be expended from the [Fund] ACCOUNT until the balance in the [Fund] ACCOUNT has reached \$15,000,000.

(7) (i) The [Fund] ACCOUNT shall be used on a statewide basis to meet the emergency needs of economically disadvantaged citizens of the State.

(ii) Moneys from the [Fund] ACCOUNT may not be considered the sole source of funds to meet the emergency needs of economically disadvantaged citizens of the State.

(iii) The [Fund] ACCOUNT shall be used only for programs and services that:

1. serve children in need;

2. provide health services to individuals in need who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level; and

3. provide food or shelter assistance to individuals in need.

(8) The [Fund] ACCOUNT may not be used to supplant existing public and private expenditures, unless the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation makes the certification under paragraph (5) of this subsection and reductions in public and private expenditures warrant supplantation.

(9) Expenditures from the [Fund] ACCOUNT may be:

(i) included in the State budget subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; or

(ii) made by budget amendment to the expenditure account of the appropriate unit of State government only after the proposed budget amendment has been submitted to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly.

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, for fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004, expenditures from the [Fund] ACCOUNT may be made only as follows:

(i) for fiscal year 2002, moneys may not be expended from the [Fund] ACCOUNT;

(ii) for fiscal year 2003, subject to the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of this title, up to \$3,300,000 from the [Fund] ACCOUNT may be used for the Department of Human Resources to cover costs associated with increasing temporary cash assistance grants effective January 1, 2003; and

(iii) for fiscal year 2004, as included in the State budget or subject to the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of this title, the remaining balance in the [Fund] ACCOUNT may be used for the Department of Human Resources to cover costs associated with increasing temporary cash assistance grants effective January 1, 2003.