

CHAPTER 294

(House Bill 89)

AN ACT concerning

~~Maryland Medical Assistance Program~~ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Legal Immigrants - Pregnant Women and Children

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget submission for a certain fiscal year a certain amount of general fund State support for certain health care services for certain legal immigrant children and pregnant women; ~~requiring the Governor to include a certain deficiency appropriation for a certain fiscal year for certain health care services for certain legal immigrant children and pregnant women;~~ requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before a certain date, to make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly; and generally relating to the ~~Maryland Medical Assistance Program~~ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and legal immigrant children and pregnant women.

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to

Article - Health - General

Section ~~15-103(a)~~ 15-142

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

~~15-103.~~

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

(2) The Program:

(i) ~~Subject to the limitations of the State budget, shall provide medical and other health care services for indigent individuals or medically indigent individuals or both;~~

(ii) ~~Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by the federal law;~~

(iii) ~~Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible children currently under the age of 1 whose family income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by federal law;~~