

15-406.

The Commissioner, through the Consumer Education and Advocacy Program, shall undertake measures to educate the public as to:

- (1) The need for long-term care;
- (2) Mechanisms for financing long-term care;
- (3) The availability of long-term care insurance; and
- (4) The asset protection provided under this subtitle.

15-407.

The Department and the Commissioner shall jointly:

(1) Adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle; [and]

(2) ON OR BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1, 2006~~ JANUARY 1, 2007, REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:

(I) THE NUMBER OF LONG-TERM CARE POLICIES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM;

(II) THE MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-406 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(III) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES NECESSARY; AND

[(2)] (3) [On or before] BEGINNING ~~October 1, 2007~~ JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ON OR BEFORE ~~OCTOBER 1~~ JANUARY 1 of each year THEREAFTER, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on:

- (i) The effectiveness of the Program;
- (ii) The impact of the Program on State expenditures for medical assistance;
- (iii) The number of enrollees in the Program; and
- (iv) The number of long-term care policies offered in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall study the long-term care delivery system in the State to:

- (1) Determine the types of services and programs that the age 65 and older population and individuals with disabilities will need in 2010, 2020, and 2030; and