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

Article - Health - General

16-201.1.

(A) ~~IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION,~~ THE SECRETARY SHALL MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND ABILITY-TO-PAY SCHEDULE FOR PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES.

(B) THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE AVAILABILITY OF EFFICIENT HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PROVIDERS;

(2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE;

(3) ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE;

(4) THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC HEALTH CARE;

(5) AN EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND

(6) FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE.

(C) AN APPLICANT FOR SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE:

(1) ~~THE INITIAL PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE VISITS TO LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES WITHOUT CHARGE;~~

~~(2)~~ A PERSONAL FINANCIAL CONSULTATION WITHOUT CHARGE TO ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO PAY FOR HEALTH CARE OFFERED THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES; AND

~~(3)~~ (2) NOTIFICATION OF THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH AGENCIES REGARDLESS OF ABILITY TO PAY.

(D) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) ~~THE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE:~~