

VETOES

15-106.2.

UNLESS THE SECRETARY DETERMINES THAT AN URGENT NEED EXISTS TO AMEND THE PROGRAM'S REGULATIONS, ALL CHANGES TO THOSE REGULATIONS SHALL BE AT REGULAR FIXED INTERVALS.

15-120.1.

(A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 15-120, 15-121, AND 15-122 OF THIS TITLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK TO RECOVER ALL MONEY EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM ALL PERSONS LIABLE FOR THE MEDICAL CARE EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING SEPARATE CRITERIA FOR SEEKING RECOVERY FOR MONEY EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM:

(i) 1. PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, AND

2. GUARDIANS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS, AND

(ii) THIRD PARTY PAYORS.

(2) THE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR SEEKING RECOVERY FOR MONEY EXPENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM PROGRAM RECIPIENTS AND GUARDIANS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PROGRAM RECIPIENTS SHALL BE BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S ABILITY TO PAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint 8 Senators and 8 Delegates, respectively, to serve as the Special Joint Legislative Committee on the Medical Assistance Program. From among the Senators and Delegates appointed, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, shall each appoint a co-chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall be staffed by the Department of Fiscal Services. The Committee shall:

1. Work with the Executive Branch on the Medical Assistance Program initiatives; and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

2. Review and evaluate any changes proposed to the Medical Assistance Program; or any proposals that impact the Program;

3. Review, prior to publication in the Maryland Register, any regulations relating to the Medical Assistance Program;