

Article - Health - General

15-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Facility" means a hospital or nursing facility including an intermediate care facility, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive care facility, or extended care facility.

(c) "MANAGED CARE PLAN" MEANS:

(1) A CERTIFIED HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OR ;

(2) A MANAGED CARE SYSTEM THAT IS NOT A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND DOES NOT HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS AN INSURER BUT IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE PREPAID CAPITATION PAYMENTS BY THE INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION OR THE DEPARTMENT SUBJECT TO THE REGULATORY SOLVENCY REQUIREMENTS, APPROPRIATE FOR THE RISK TO BE ASSUMED, ADOPTED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY; OR

(3) A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 3, TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 7, § 8-204, TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4, TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 9, OR TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 12 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(c)](D) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

[(d)](E) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the Program.

15-102.

(a) [The] SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS, THE Department shall provide preventive and home care services for ~~indigent and medically indigent individuals~~ ~~INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS OR WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR LONG TERM CARE.~~

15-102.1.

(a) The General Assembly finds that it is a goal of this State to promote the development of a health care system that provides adequate and appropriate health care to ~~indigent and medically indigent individuals~~ ~~INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS OR WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR LONG TERM CARE.~~

(b) The Department shall, to the extent permitted, subject to the limitations of the State Budget and the availability of federal funds:

(1) Provide a comprehensive system of quality health care with an emphasis on prevention, education, individualized care, and appropriate case management;

(2) Develop a prenatal care program for Program recipients and encourage its utilization;