

(2) (1) FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION'S ENROLLEES AND CREDITORS, THE APPLICANT SHALL DEPOSIT AND MAINTAIN IN TRUST WITH THE STATE TREASURER \$100,000 IN CASH OR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 48A, § 110.

(II) 1. THE DEPOSITS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AND HELD IN TRUST BY THE STATE TREASURER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, §§ 108 THROUGH 118 OF THE CODE.

2. FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TREATED AS AN INSURER.

(D) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, A REPORT ON:

(1) THE NUMBER OF MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH THE SECRETARY HAS DESIGNATED MONEY TO BE HELD IN TRUST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(2) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY HELD IN TRUST BY THE SECRETARY THAT HAS BEEN PAID OUT IN CASES OF INSOLVENCY OR IMPAIRMENT OF MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

15-102.5.

(A) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT REQUIRES ITS PANEL PROVIDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL ESTABLISH A MECHANISM, SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY, WHICH PROVIDES FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ENROLLEES AND WHICH ENSURES THAT A PROVIDER WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF ENROLLEES.

(B) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE INTERPRETED AS PROHIBITING A PROVIDER FROM VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL ENROLLEES.

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 [and the availability of federal funds], shall provide comprehensive 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 [and the availability of federal funds], comprehensive medical and other health care SERVICES for all ~~QUALIFYING~~ ELIGIBLE pregnant women and, at a minimum, all children currently under the age of 1 whose family income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by the federal law;