

Subtitle 3. [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

15-301.

(a) [In this section, "carrier" means:

- (1) An insurer;
- (2) A nonprofit service plan;
- (3) A health maintenance organization; or
- (4) Any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(b) There is a [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

[(c)] (B) The [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and any other requirements imposed by the State and as permitted by federal law or waiver, comprehensive medical care and other health care services to an individual who has a family income at or below [200] 300 percent of the federal poverty [level] GUIDELINES and who is under the age of 19 years.

[(d)] (C) The [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM shall be administered [through]:

(1) FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, THROUGH the program under Subtitle 1 of this title requiring individuals to enroll in managed care organizations; OR

(2) FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ABOVE 200 PERCENT, BUT AT OR BELOW 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, THROUGH THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN UNDER § 15-301.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15-301.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CARRIER" MEANS:

- (I) AN INSURER;
- (II) A NONPROFIT SERVICE PLAN;
- (III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; OR
- (IV) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.