

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15-101(b-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~15-103(b)(3)~~ and 15-303(b)(1)

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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

15-101.

(B-1) "EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY" MEANS A STREAMLINED ELIGIBILITY PROCESS, CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN UNDER WHICH AN ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION IS MADE PROMPTLY, BUT NOT LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

15-103.

~~(b) (3) Subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by federal law or waiver, the program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the program developed under § 15-301 of this title [may] SHALL provide guaranteed eligibility FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN THROUGH THE SECOND MONTH AFTER THE WOMAN DELIVERS THE CHILD, FOR A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 10 YEARS FOR 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, AND for [each] ANY OTHER enrollee for up to 6 months FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, unless an enrollee obtains health insurance through another source.~~

15-303.

(b) (1) To the extent allowed under federal law and regulations, the Secretary shall implement ~~{expedited}~~ PRESUMPTIVE eligibility for any individual who applies THROUGH THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT for the Children and Families Health Care Program under § 15-301 of this subtitle, INCLUDING ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH ASSOCIATED FOOD STAMP, CASH ASSISTANCE, OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CASES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.