

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.

(3) "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO QUALIFIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM UNDER § 15-301(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ~~BETWEEN~~ ABOVE 200 PERCENT ~~AND, BUT AT OR BELOW~~ 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.

(4) "FAMILY CONTRIBUTION" MEANS THE PORTION OF THE PREMIUM COST PAID ~~BY~~ FOR AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL TO ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

(5) "MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN" MEANS THE PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION ~~FOR PROVIDING TO PROVIDE~~ ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS THROUGH EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ~~BETWEEN~~ ABOVE 200 PERCENT ~~AND, BUT AT OR BELOW~~ 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.

(C) (1) AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ENROLLED IN THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN SHALL BE INSURED THROUGH AN EMPLOYER'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN IF:

(I) THE EMPLOYER OFFERS FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL;

(II) THE EMPLOYER ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN;

(III) THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL IS INSURED UNDER THE EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN;

(IV) THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTES TO FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AT A RATE NO LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF ANNUAL PREMIUMS;