

(V) THE PLAN INCLUDES A BENEFIT PACKAGE THAT IS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-1207 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE; AND

(VI) THE PLAN DOES NOT IMPOSE COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS ON ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

(2) IF AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL, THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE INSURED THROUGH A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN § 15-101(F) OF THIS TITLE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FACILITATE COVERAGE OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS UNDER AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN BY:

(1) EVALUATING EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO DETERMINE WHETHER SPECIFIC PLANS MEET APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS;

(2) ASSISTING EMPLOYERS THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN TO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;

(3) COLLECTING THE FAMILY CONTRIBUTION UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION;

(4) FORWARDING THE FAMILY CONTRIBUTION AND THE STATE'S PORTION OF THE PREMIUM DIRECTLY TO THE CARRIER; AND

(5) ASSISTING EMPLOYERS IN ENROLLING THE ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

(E) (1) AS A REQUIREMENT OF ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MCHP PRIVATE OPTION PLAN, THROUGH EITHER AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OR A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION, THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHALL AGREE TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTION:

(1) (I) FOR AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ~~BETWEEN ABOVE~~ 200 PERCENT ~~AND, BUT AT OR BELOW~~ 250 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL INCOME OF A FAMILY OF TWO AT 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES; AND

(2) (II) FOR AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ~~BETWEEN ABOVE 251~~ 250 PERCENT ~~AND, BUT AT OR BELOW~~ 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL INCOME OF A FAMILY OF TWO AT 250 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.