

(v) Expiration of the applicant's continuation of coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA).

15-303.

(a) (1) The Department shall be responsible for enrolling program recipients ~~into~~ IN managed care organizations AND EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS under the [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM established under [§ 15-301] §§ 15-301 AND 15-301.1 of this subtitle.

(2) The Department may contract with an entity to perform any part or all of its enrollment responsibilities under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) The Department or its enrollment contractor, to the extent feasible in its marketing, outreach, and enrollment programs, shall hire individuals receiving assistance under the Family Investment Program established under Article 88A of the Code.

(b) (1) To the extent allowed under federal law and regulations, the Secretary shall implement expedited eligibility for any individual who applies for the [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM under [§ 15-301] §§ 15-301 AND 15-301.1 of this subtitle.

(2) The Secretary shall designate organizations that may:

- (i) Assist individuals in the application process; and
- (ii) Perform other outreach functions.

(3) In designating the organizations under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure the inclusion of statewide and local organizations that provide services to children of all ages in each region of the State, and shall provide such organizations with:

(i) Forms that are necessary for parents, guardians, and other individuals to submit applications to the [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM on behalf of a child; and

(ii) Information on how to assist parents, guardians, and other individuals in completing and filing such applications.

15-304.

(a) (1) For purposes of increasing the number of eligible individuals who enroll in the [Children and Families Health Care Program] MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM established under [§ 15-301] §§ 15-301 AND 15-301.1 of this subtitle, the Department shall develop and implement a school-based outreach program.

(2) As appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department may enter into contracts with county boards of education to provide information at public schools on the [Children and Families