

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 866

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Guaranteed and Presumptive Expedited Eligibility

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring guaranteed eligibility under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for pregnant women and for children under a certain age for a certain amount of time; requiring presumptive clarifying the circumstances under which a certain streamlined process for determining application of expedited eligibility for any individual who applies for the Children and Families Health Care Program may be used; requiring that the process be completed within a certain period; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program expedited eligibility for medical assistance.~~

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)(2)~~ and 15-303(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

~~15-103.~~

~~(b) (2) 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.~~