

2. \$1,000,000 IN FISCAL 2005; AND
3. \$500,000 IN FISCAL 2006.

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(c) The Maryland Children's Health Program shall be administered:

(1) ~~For~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR individuals whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, through the program under Subtitle 1 of this title requiring individuals to enroll in managed care organizations; or

(2) For eligible individuals whose family income is above 200 percent, but at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, [through the MCHP private option plan] THROUGH THE PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS TITLE REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO ENROLL IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS MCHP PREMIUM PLAN under § 15-301.1 of this subtitle; OR

(3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2004 ONLY, FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ABOVE 185 PERCENT, BUT AT OR BELOW 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, THROUGH THE MCHP PREMIUM PLAN UNDER § 15-301.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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)] (2) "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 above 200 percent, but at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

[(4)] (3) "Family contribution" means the portion of the premium cost paid 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 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.]