

- (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)] (C) (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 MCHP PREMIUM PLAN, the parent or guardian of an eligible individual shall agree to pay the following annual family contribution:

(i) IN FISCAL YEAR 2004 ONLY, FOR AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FAMILY INCOME IS ABOVE 185 PERCENT, BUT AT OR BELOW 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES, AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL INCOME OF A FAMILY OF TWO AT 185 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES;

(ii) For an eligible individual whose family income is above 200 percent, 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

(iii) For an eligible individual whose family income is above 250 percent, 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.

(2) The family contribution amounts required under paragraph (1) of this subsection apply on a per family basis regardless of the number of eligible individuals each family has enrolled in the [MCHP private option plan] ~~MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION~~ MCHP PREMIUM PLAN.

[(f)] (D) The Department shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this section.

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(a) (1) The Department shall be responsible for enrolling program recipients in managed care organizations [and employer-sponsored health benefit plans] under the Maryland Children's Health Program established under §§ 15-301 and 15-301.1 of this subtitle.

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(c) The Governor shall include in the annual budget State general funds of at least [\$1,000,000] \$250,000 to cover the administrative and food costs of the Program.