

committees by certain dates; and generally relating to the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Health - General
Section 15-101(a) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)~~

BY adding to
Article - Health - General
Section 15-136
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Many individuals with disabilities would like to work but cannot afford to enter the workforce because that would mean losing the necessary medical services they receive through Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, The federal Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act allows states to establish new Medicaid eligibility categories for working people with disabilities whose income or resources would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

~~15-101.~~

- ~~(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~
- ~~(i) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

15-136.

~~(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE AN EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.~~

~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE EMPLOYED AND TO QUALIFY FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS.~~

~~(C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM IF THE INDIVIDUAL:~~

- ~~(1) IS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 64 YEARS OLD, INCLUSIVE;~~