

waiver; requiring the Department to make the application for a Medical Assistance Program waiver to the public and to provide an opportunity for public comment on the application; and generally relating to notice of applications for and modifications to the State Medical Assistance Program waivers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-101(a) and (i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-134

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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.

15-134.

(A) IF THE DEPARTMENT APPLIES FOR A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER OR MODIFIES OR AMENDS AN EXISTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

(B) FOR 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF ANY NOTICE PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) MAKE THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER APPLICATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING BUSINESS HOURS; AND

(2) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAIVER APPLICATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 9, 2002.