

CHAPTER 197

(House Bill 84)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Children's Health Program - Employer-Sponsored Health Benefit Plans - Employer Contribution

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing the requirement~~ altering the amount that an employer must contribute ~~a certain amount~~ to family health insurance coverage under the MCHP private option plan of the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring that certain employer-sponsored health benefit plans be cost-effective; and generally relating to the MCHP private option plan of the Maryland Children's Health Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-301.1

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

15-301.1.

(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) "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) "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.