- (M) THE TOTAL YEARLY COST OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS SHALL BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE TOTAL CURRENT MONTHLY ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION BENEFIT AVAILABLE UNDER THE PROGRAM MULTIPLIED BY 12.
- (I) AT LEAST 25% OF THE PROPORTION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE WAIVER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PARTICIPANTS IN WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF AREAS OF THE STATE DESCRIBED IN § 15-141(B)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN § 15-141 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL REMAIN THE SAME AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN § 15-141 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- [(h)] (N)(J) The Department, in consultation with representatives of the affected industry and advocates for waiver candidates, and with the approval of the Department of Aging [and the Department of Human Resources], shall adopt regulations to implement this section within 180 days of receipt of approval of the amended waiver application from the [Health Care Financing Administration] CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
 - [(i)] (Θ) (K) Subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article $\{-1\}$.
- (1) [the] THE Department shall report to the General Assembly every 6 months concerning the status of the Department's application under subsections [(b) and (e)] (F) AND (G) (D) of this section; AND
- (2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2004, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (L) OF THIS SECTION. 15–141.
- $\underline{\mbox{(A)}}$ $\underline{\mbox{(1)}}$ $\underline{\mbox{IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS}}$ INDICATED.
- (2) "COMMUNITY CARE ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARRANGES FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES WITH THE GOAL OF PROMOTING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE, COST-EFFECTIVE SETTING.
- (3) "COMMUNITY CHOICE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WAIVER DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2004, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY FOR A WAIVER UNDER THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.
- (2) AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW OR WAIVER, THE SECRETARY MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM UNDER WHICH MEDICAID PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN COMMUNITY CARE ORGANIZATIONS.