

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-2501 through 13-2506, ~~inclusive~~, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 25. Oral Health Safety Net Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, While almost 44% of HealthChoice recipients make at least one dental visit each year, only 14% of HealthChoice recipients receive restorative dental care; and

WHEREAS, Restorative treatment services should be increased to better accommodate the needs of the HealthChoice population and other underserved populations; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 25. ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM.

13-2501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS AN ORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET PROGRAM IN THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE START-UP FUNDING TO EXPAND ORAL HEALTH CAPACITY FOR UNDERSERVED LOW-INCOME AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

13-2502.

(A) THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH SHALL SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, AND ENTITIES PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES WITHIN STATE FACILITIES, FOR THE