

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 PURPOSE OF ISSUING GRANTS TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO INCREASE DENTAL PROVIDER CAPACITY FOR THE UNDERSERVED.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH SHALL:

- (1) AWARD GRANTS; AND
- (2) OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH SHALL PLACE PRIORITY ON AWARDING GRANTS TO PROPOSALS THAT:

(1) ARE TARGETED TO REGIONS OF THE STATE WHERE ORAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE MOST SCARCE FOR LOW-INCOME, DISABLED, AND MEDICAID POPULATIONS; AND

(2) OUTLINE HOW THE POTENTIAL GRANTEE WILL MAXIMIZE LIMITED RESOURCES, INCLUDING: