

~~15-801.~~

~~(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERNET PORTAL TO PROVIDE COORDINATED ACCESS TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS.~~

~~(B) THE INTERNET PORTAL SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~(1) A SEARCHABLE CATALOG WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS;~~

~~(2) A SCREENING TOOL TO DETERMINE POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;~~

~~(3) AN ON-LINE COMMON INTAKE DATA COLLECTION TOOL FOR REGISTERED PROVIDERS THAT CAN GENERATE APPLICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND~~

~~(4) TOOLS TO HELP SERVICE PROVIDERS LOCATE, TRACK, AND MANAGE APPLICATIONS.~~

~~(C) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, THE SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNET PORTAL.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Comptroller shall widely publicize the requirements of this Act to provide an adequate opportunity for individuals to obtain health care coverage and avoid a surcharge.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.~~

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, and the Office of the Comptroller, shall study the issue of personal responsibility for obtaining health care coverage.

(b) The study shall address:

(1) the affordability of health insurance, particularly for individuals without employer-sponsored coverage;