

(C) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL CONSIST OF:

~~(1)~~ SUBSIDIES, AS PROVIDED UNDER § 15-12A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR:

~~(H)~~ (1) SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED ~~HEALTH INSURANCE~~ A SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO THEIR EMPLOYEES; AND

~~(H)~~ (2) EMPLOYEES OF SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED ~~HEALTH INSURANCE~~ A SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO THEIR EMPLOYEES; AND

~~(2)~~ ~~SUBSIDIES, AS PROVIDED UNDER § 15-12A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS THAT ARE OFFERING HEALTH INSURANCE TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.~~

(E) FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM MAY BE PROVIDED FROM:

(1) GENERAL FUNDS; OR

(2) THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

~~(F) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(1) APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRDS OF THE FUNDS FOR THE SUBSIDIES AUTHORIZED UNDER § 15-12A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(2) APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE FUNDS FOR THE SUBSIDIES AUTHORIZED UNDER § 15-12A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

(F) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH:

(1) THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS UNDER THE PROGRAM; AND