

~~Article — Health — General~~

~~15-101.~~

- ~~(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~
- ~~(h) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~
- ~~(i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the Program.~~

~~15-102.1.~~

~~(A) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A FAMILY INCOME AT OR BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND WHO IS:~~

- ~~(1) UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS; OR~~
- ~~(2) PREGNANT OR UP TO 2 MONTHS POSTPARTUM.~~

~~(B) TO QUALIFY AS A PROGRAM RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT:~~

- ~~(1) BE COVERED BY EMPLOYER BASED HEALTH INSURANCE; OR~~
- ~~(2) HAVE VOLUNTARILY TERMINATED EMPLOYER BASED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WITHIN THE PRECEDING 2 MONTHS.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICIZE THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, MAKE OUTREACH EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.~~

~~(D) (1) APPLICATIONS TO QUALIFY AS A PROGRAM RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.~~

~~(2) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, APPLICATIONS TO QUALIFY AS A PROGRAM RECIPIENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS, DAY CARE CENTERS, LIBRARIES, HEAD START PROGRAMS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.~~

~~(3) APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE MAIL.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a waiver and take any other steps necessary to secure federal dollars at an enhanced matching rate for coverage of pregnant women.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study and report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 1998,~~