

on the feasibility and cost effectiveness of providing family coverage for the families of individuals who qualify to receive benefits under § 15-103.1 of the Health General Article.

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, the business community, and the health insurance industry, shall conduct a study to determine the effect the Maryland Children's Health Program has or may have on the availability of private health care coverage to the Program's target population and on the willingness of the families of the target population to purchase private health care coverage. The study shall recommend ways to encourage and increase the availability and purchase of private coverage. The study shall also examine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of providing comprehensive medical care and other health care services to Program recipients through the private market, including the prospect for purchasing dependent medical coverage through an employer sponsored health plan. If a private market proposal is found to be feasible, the Department shall apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a waiver, if necessary, and take any other steps necessary to implement the proposal. The Department shall report the results of its study 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.~~

~~SECTION 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is not approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration, that disapproval does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which is approved, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.~~

~~SECTION 6. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-301 and the subtitle "Subtitle 3. Evaluation and Planning Services" of Article - Health - General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-501 and the subtitle "Subtitle 5. Evaluation and Planning Services".~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

~~**Article - Health - General**~~

~~**15-101.**~~

- ~~(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~
- ~~(b) "Enrollee" means a program recipient who is enrolled in a managed care organization.~~