

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-201.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Applicant" means an individual who applies for assistance from the Program.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, "family" means:

(i) The applicant or recipient;

(ii) The applicant's or recipient's spouse if the spouse lives with the applicant or recipient; and

(iii) The applicant's or recipient's children under the age of 18 years if the children live with the applicant or recipient.

(2) If the applicant is a child under the age of 18 years, "family" means:

(i) The minor applicant's or recipient's parents; and

(ii) At the option of the minor applicant's or recipient's parents, the minor applicant's or recipient's siblings.

(d) "Program" means the Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Program.

(e) "Recipient" means an individual receiving assistance from the Program.

15-202.

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall administer a Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Program for HIV positive individuals.

(b) There shall be no more than [300] 450 recipients enrolled in the Program at any ± ONE time.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, an individual is eligible for the Program if:

(1) Cash assets owned by the individual's family, including savings accounts, checking accounts, and stocks and bonds, do not exceed \$10,000;

(2) The individual's family income, earned and unearned, does not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level;

(3) (i) The individual is eligible for and has applied for continuation of benefits under one of the following authorities: