

HOUSE BILL 588

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Program - Pregnant Women**

3 FOR the purpose of altering income eligibility as it relates to the federal poverty
4 income level for pregnant women to receive certain benefits under the Medical
5 Assistance Program; and generally relating to the Medical Assistance Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 15-103(a)(2)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 15-103.

15 (a) (2) The Program:

16 (i) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, shall provide
17 comprehensive medical and other health care services for indigent individuals or
18 medically indigent individuals or both;

19 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
20 comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women
21 whose family income is at or below [200] 300 percent of the poverty level, as
22 permitted by the federal law;

23 (iii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
24 comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible children
25 currently under the age of 1 whose family income falls below 185 percent of the
26 poverty level, as permitted by federal law;

1 (iv) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
2 family planning services to women currently eligible for comprehensive medical care
3 and other health care under item (ii) of this paragraph for 5 years after the second
4 month following the month in which the woman delivers her child;

5 (v) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
6 comprehensive medical and other health care services for all children from the age of
7 1 year up through and including the age of 5 years whose family income falls below
8 133 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by the federal law;

9 (vi) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
10 comprehensive medical care and other health care services for all children born after
11 September 30, 1983 who are at least 6 years of age but are under 19 years of age
12 whose family income falls below 100 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by
13 federal law;

14 (vii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
15 comprehensive medical care and other health care services for all legal immigrants
16 who meet Program eligibility standards and who arrived in the United States before
17 August 22, 1996, the effective date of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work
18 Opportunity Reconciliation Act, as permitted by federal law;

19 (viii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and
20 any other requirements imposed by the State, comprehensive medical care and other
21 health care services for all legal immigrant children under the age of 18 years and
22 pregnant women who meet Program eligibility standards and who arrived in the
23 United States on or after August 22, 1996, the effective date of the federal Personal
24 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act;

25 (ix) May include bedside nursing care for eligible Program
26 recipients; and

27 (x) Shall provide services in accordance with funding restrictions
28 included in the annual State budget bill.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2000.