

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Children’s” and substitute “Maryland”; in the same line, strike “Program” and substitute “Programs”; and strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 14 down through “frame;” in line 16.

On page 2, in line 3, after “employers;” insert “altering the income threshold for pregnant women to receive certain benefits under the Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in line 5, after “for” insert “a”; in the same line, after “effective” insert “date”; strike beginning with “dates” in line 5 down through “Act” in line 6; and in line 26, after “15-101(f)” insert “, 15-103(a)(2),”.

On page 3, strike lines 1 through 6, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 9, insert:

“15-103.

(a) (2) The Program:

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

(ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women whose family income is at or below [200] 250 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by the federal law;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(x) Shall provide services in accordance with funding restrictions included in the annual State budget bill.”; and in line 33, after “IS” insert “ABOVE”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, strike beginning with the colon in line 8 down through “(I)” in line 9; and strike beginning with “OF” in line 9 down through “GUIDELINES” in line 13.

On page 14, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 29, inclusive; in line 30, strike “4.” and substitute “3.”; and after line 33, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of the Maryland Children’s Health Program Private Option Plan on or before December 1, 2003.”.

On page 15, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; in line 3, strike “7.” and substitute “6.”; and in line 4, strike “Sections 5 and 6” and substitute “Section 5”.