

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Children and Families Health Care Program”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “expanding” in line 3 on page 1 through “children” in line 6 on page 2 and substitute “altering a certain eligibility requirement for certain individuals to participate in the Children and Families Health Care Program; repealing the requirement that certain individuals pay a certain annual family contribution amount to participate in the Program; and generally relating to the Children and Families Health Care Program”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 2 through line 6 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 15-301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 through 15, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 3 through line 4 on page 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“15-301.

(a) In this section, “carrier” means:

(Over)

- (1) An insurer;
- (2) A nonprofit service plan;
- (3) A health maintenance organization; or
- (4) Any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the

State.

(b) There is a Children and Families Health Care Program.

(c) The Children and Families Health Care Program shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget and any other requirements imposed by the State and as permitted by federal law or waiver, comprehensive medical care and other health care services to an individual who has a family income at or below [200] 250 percent of the federal poverty level and who is under the age of 19 years.

(d) The Children and Families Health Care Program shall be administered through the program under Subtitle 1 of this title requiring individuals to enroll in managed care organizations.

(e) (1) In this subsection, “family contribution” means the portion of the premium cost paid by an eligible individual to enroll and participate in the Children and Families Health Care Program.

(2) On or before July 1, 2000 and in addition to any other requirements of this subtitle, as a requirement to enroll and maintain participation in the Children and Families Health Care Program, an individual's parent or guardian shall agree to pay an annual family contribution amount determined by the Department in accordance with paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(3) (i) For eligible individuals whose family income is at or above 185 percent of the federal poverty level, the Department shall develop an annual family contribution amount payment system such that the cost of the family contribution is at least 1 percent of the annual family income but does not exceed 2 percent of the annual family income.

(ii) The Department shall determine by regulation the schedules and the method of collection for the family contribution amount under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

(iii) Before collecting a family contribution from any individual, the

Department shall provide the individual with notice of the requirements of the family contribution amount and the options available to the individual to make premium payments.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.”.