

HOUSE BILL 866

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Environmental Matters/Finance --

Introduced by **Delegates Klausmeier, Nathan-Pulliam, Frush, Stern, Boutin,
Oaks, Guns, Hurson, Redmer, and Morhaim**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Guaranteed and Presumptive**
3 **Expedited Eligibility**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring guaranteed eligibility under the Maryland Medical~~
5 ~~Assistance Program for pregnant women and for children under a certain age for~~
6 ~~a certain amount of time; requiring presumptive clarifying the circumstances~~
7 ~~under which a certain streamlined process for determining application of~~
8 ~~expedited~~ eligibility for any individual who applies for the Children and Families
9 Health Care Program ~~may be used; requiring that the process be completed~~
10 ~~within a certain period; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the~~
11 ~~Maryland Medical Assistance Program~~ expedited eligibility for medical
12 assistance.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Health - General
15 Section 15-101(b-1)

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
 2 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 4 Article - Health - General
 5 Section ~~15-103(b)(3)~~ and 15-303(b)(1)
 6 Annotated Code of Maryland
 7 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

10 **Article - Health - General**

11 ~~15-103.~~

12 (b) (3) Subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by
 13 federal law or waiver, the program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection
 14 and the program developed under § 15-301 of this title [may] SHALL provide
 15 guaranteed eligibility FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN THROUGH THE SECOND MONTH
 16 AFTER THE WOMAN DELIVERS THE CHILD, FOR A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 19
 17 YEARS FOR 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, AND for [each] ANY OTHER
 18 enrollee for up to 6 months FROM THE DATE OF ENROLLMENT, unless an enrollee
 19 obtains health insurance through another source.

20 ~~15-101.~~

21 (B-1) "EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY" ~~IS MEANS A STREAMLINED ELIGIBILITY~~
 22 ~~PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND,~~
 23 ~~CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THAT REQUIRES A PROMPT~~
 24 ~~DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN OR AND~~
 25 ~~PREGNANT WOMEN THAT MUST BE COMPLETED UNDER WHICH AN ELIGIBILITY~~
 26 ~~DETERMINATION IS MADE PROMPTLY, BUT NOT LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS~~
 27 ~~AFTER THE WOMAN FILES AN DATE OF APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.~~

28 ~~15-303.~~

29 (b) (1) To the extent allowed under federal law and regulations, the
 30 Secretary shall implement {expedited} ~~PRESUMPTIVE~~ eligibility for any individual
 31 who applies THROUGH THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT for the Children and
 32 Families Health Care Program under § 15-301 of this subtitle, INCLUDING ANY
 33 CHILD OR PREGNANT WOMAN INDIVIDUAL WITH AN ASSOCIATED FOOD STAMP, CASH
 34 ASSISTANCE, OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION OR CASE CASES.

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

