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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 eligibility for any~~
8 ~~individual who applies for the Children and Families Health Care Program may~~
9 ~~be used; requiring that the process be completed within a certain period;~~
10 ~~defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical~~
11 ~~Assistance Program.~~

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 15-101(b-1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Health - General
19 Section ~~15-103(b)(3)~~ and 15-303(b)(1)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health - General2 ~~15-103.~~

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

11 15-101.

12 (B-1) "EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY" IS A STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR
13 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND CONDUCTED BY
14 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THAT REQUIRES A PROMPT DETERMINATION OF
15 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN OR PREGNANT WOMEN THAT
16 MUST BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE WOMAN
17 FILES AN APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

18 15-303.

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

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