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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 application of
7 expedited eligibility for any individual who applies for the Children and
8 Families Health Care Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating
9 to ~~the Maryland Medical Assistance Program~~ expedited eligibility for medical
10 assistance.

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

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

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

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Article - Health - General2 15-101.

3 (B-1) "EXPEDITED ELIGIBILITY" MEANS A STREAMLINED ELIGIBILITY PROCESS,
4 CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
5 CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN UNDER WHICH AN ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
6 IS MADE PROMPTLY, BUT NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
7 APPLICATION.

8 ~~15-103.~~

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

17 ~~15-303.~~

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

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