

HOUSE BILL 493

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**ENROLLED BILL**  
-- Environmental Matters/Finance --

Introduced by **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

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

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance and Children's Health Programs - Directory of Health**  
3 **Care Providers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 provide certain directories of certain health care providers in certain formats to  
6 certain health care providers, certain enrollees in the Medical Assistance  
7 Program, and certain individuals eligible for the Maryland Children's Health  
8 Program; requiring the Department to update certain directories; requiring  
9 certain directories to include certain information; and generally relating to  
10 certain directories of certain health care providers provided by the Department  
11 of Health and Mental Hygiene under the Medical Assistance and Children's  
12 Health programs.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 15-103(b)(30) ~~and 15-304(e)~~  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2000 Replacement Volume)

2 BY adding to

3 Article - Health - General

4 Section 15-301(d)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2000 Replacement Volume)

7 (As enacted by Chapters 15 and 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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) (30) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ENROLLEES AND HEALTH  
13 CARE PROVIDERS WITH ~~AN A REASONABLY AN~~ ACCURATE ~~AND REASONABLY~~  
14 ~~CURRENT~~ DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

15 ~~(+)~~ 1. IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;  
16 AND

17 ~~(+)~~ 2. ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND~~ 2.

18 ~~(+)~~ (III) ~~ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT~~  
19 ~~LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES~~  
20 ~~OFFICES.~~

21 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY  
22 INTERNET DATABASE AT LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS.

23 (III) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS  
24 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

25 ~~45-304.~~ 15-301.

26 ~~(+)~~ (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS  
27 AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH ~~AN A REASONABLY AN~~ ACCURATE ~~AND~~  
28 ~~REASONABLY CURRENT~~ DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE  
29 PROVIDERS:

30 ~~(+)~~ (I) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST; AND

31 ~~(+)~~ (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND~~ 2.

32 ~~(+)~~ (3) ~~ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT LOCAL~~  
33 ~~LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES.~~

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4 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

5     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2001.