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By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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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
17 (2000 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Health - General
20 Section 15-301(d)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2000 Replacement Volume)
23 (As enacted by Chapters 15 and 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 15-103.

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

8 ~~(H)~~ 1. IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;
9 AND

10 ~~(H)~~ 2. ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND,~~

11 ~~(H)~~ ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT
12 LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES
13 OFFICES.

14 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY
15 EVERY 30 DAYS.

16 (III) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS
17 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

18 ~~15-304.~~ 15-301.

19 ~~(C)~~ (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
20 AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH ~~AN A REASONABLY ACCURATE AND~~
21 ~~REASONABLY CURRENT~~ DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE
22 PROVIDERS:

23 ~~(H)~~ (I) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST; AND

24 ~~(2)~~ (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND,~~

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

27 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY EVERY
28 30 DAYS.

29 (3) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS
30 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

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

