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A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to certain directories of certain health care
9 providers provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under the
10 Medical Assistance and Children's Health programs.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 15-103(b)(30) and 15-304(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Health - General**

19 15-103.

20 (b) (30) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ENROLLEES AND HEALTH CARE
21 PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE AND REASONABLY CURRENT DIRECTORY OR OTHER
22 LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

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

24 (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; AND

1 (III) ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT
2 LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES
3 OFFICES.

4 15-304.

5 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND HEALTH
6 CARE PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE AND REASONABLY CURRENT DIRECTORY OR
7 OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

8 (1) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;

9 (2) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; AND

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

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