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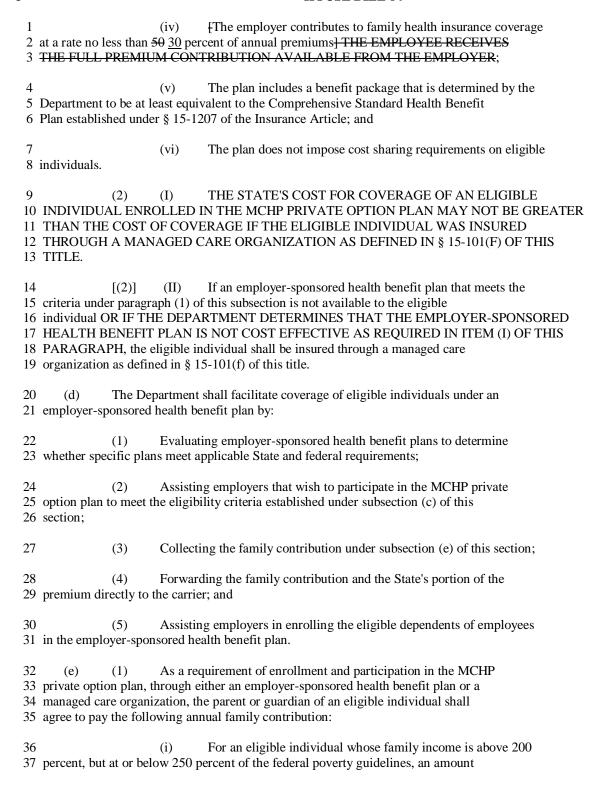
-- Economic Matters/Finance --

Introduced by Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental -**Health and Mental Hygiene**)

	Read and Examined by Proofreaders:					
		Proofreader.				
Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this day of at o'clock,M.						
		Speaker.				
	CHAPTER					
1 A	AN ACT concerning					
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4 F 5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement altering the amount that an employer must contribute a certain amount to family health insurance coverage under the MCHP private option plan of the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring that certain employer-sponsored health benefit plans be cost-effective; and generally relating to the MCHP private option plan of the Maryland Children's Health Program.					
10 1 11 12 13 14	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health - General Section 15-301.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)					

1 2	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
3	Article - Health - General					
4	15-301.1.					
5	(a)	(1)	In this so	ection the following words have the meanings indicated.		
6		(2)	"Carrier	" means:		
7			(i)	An insurer;		
8			(ii)	A nonprofit service plan;		
9			(iii)	A health maintenance organization; or		
10 11	(iv) Any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.					
14	(3) "Eligible individual" means an individual who qualifies to participate in the Maryland Children's Health Program under § 15-301(b) of this subtitle and whose family income is above 200 percent, but at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.					
	(4) "Family contribution" means the portion of the premium cost paid for an eligible individual to enroll and participate in the Maryland Children's Health Program.					
21	(5) "MCHP private option plan" means the plan established under this section to provide access to health insurance coverage to eligible individuals through employer-sponsored health benefit plans and managed care organizations under the Maryland Children's Health Program.					
23 24	(b) This section applies only to individuals whose family income is above 200 percent, but at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.					
25 26	(c) plan shall be	(1) e insured		ble individual who is enrolled in the MCHP private option an employer's health benefit plan if:		
27 28	(i) The employer offers family health insurance coverage to the parent or guardian of an eligible individual;					
29 30	plan;		(ii)	The employer elects to participate in the MCHP private option		
31 32	under the en	nployer-s	(iii) sponsored	The parent or guardian of an eligible individual is insured health benefit plan;		

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- 1 equal to 2 percent of the annual income of a family of two at 200 percent of the federal 2 poverty guidelines; and
- 3 (ii) For an eligible individual whose family income is above 250
- 4 percent, but at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, an amount
- 5 equal to 2 percent of the annual income of a family of two at 250 percent of the federal
- 6 poverty guidelines.
- 7 (2) The family contribution amounts required under paragraph (1) of
- 8 this subsection apply on a per family basis regardless of the number of eligible
- 9 individuals each family has enrolled in the MCHP private option plan.
- $10 \hspace{0.5cm} \hbox{(f)} \hspace{0.5cm} \hbox{The Department shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this} \\$
- 11 section.
- 12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 13 effect July 1, 2002.