

HOUSE BILL 313

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By: **Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, Benson, Costa, Eckardt, Frush, Haynes, Hubbard, Kach, Kullen, Lee, Montgomery, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Robinson, Stukes, Tarrant, and Weldon**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2007

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Cancer Treatment Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Cancer Treatment Program in the
4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of the
5 Program; providing for eligibility for the Program; requiring the Program to use
6 certain resources from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the
7 Program to reimburse providers at a certain rate; requiring the Department to
8 adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
9 Maryland Cancer Treatment Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 15–701 through 15–705 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7.
13 Maryland Cancer Treatment Program”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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 **SUBTITLE 7. MARYLAND CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **15-701.**

2 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND CANCER**
3 **TREATMENT PROGRAM.**

4 **15-702.**

5 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM IN THE**
6 **DEPARTMENT.**

7 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE HEALTH**
8 **INSURANCE COVERAGE TO QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF**
9 **CANCER TREATMENT.**

10 **15-703.**

11 **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:**

12 **(1) RESIDE IN MARYLAND AT THE TIME OF CANCER DIAGNOSIS;**

13 **(2) PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE APPLICANT'S**
14 **LICENSED PHYSICIAN OF RECORD THAT THE APPLICANT NEEDS TREATMENT**
15 **FOR CANCER;**

16 **(3) HAVE NO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND**

17 **(4) HAVE A COUNTABLE HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN**
18 **650% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.**

19 **15-704.**

20 **(A) THE PROGRAM SHALL USE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**
21 **PROGRAM RESOURCES FOR:**

22 **(1) PROVIDER ENROLLMENT, BILLING, AND PAYMENT SERVICES;**
23 **AND**

24 **(2) INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT, AND TRACKING**
25 **SERVICES.**

1 **(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE PROVIDERS AT THE RATES**
2 **ESTABLISHED FOR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 **15-705.**

4 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
5 **SUBTITLE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2007.