

# CHAPTER 251

(House Bill 115)

AN ACT concerning

## **Medical Assistance Programs and Maryland Children's Health Program – Statements on State-Issued ~~Checks~~ Check Stubs**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collaborate with the Office of the Comptroller or the Office of the State Treasurer to form a statement advising certain individuals that they may be eligible to enroll in certain medical assistance programs or the Maryland Children's Health Program and to print the statement on certain State-issued ~~checks~~ check stubs; requiring that a certain statement require certain contact information; authorizing that a certain statement may be altered under certain circumstances; and generally relating to medical assistance programs and Maryland Children's Health Program statements on State-issued ~~checks~~ check stubs.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General  
Section 15–102.1(c) and 15–304(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### **Article – Health – General**

15–102.1.

**(c) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER TO:**

**(i) FORM A ONE-SENTENCE STATEMENT ADVISING THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND**

**(ii) PRINT THE STATEMENT FORMED UNDER ITEM (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

**1. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED TAX REFUND CHECK STUB;**

~~2. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED VENDOR PAYMENT CHECK; AND~~

~~3. ONCE EACH PAY QUARTER, ON EACH STATE-ISSUED EMPLOYEE PAYCHECK STUB; AND~~

~~3. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CHECK STUB.~~

(2) THE STATEMENT SHALL INCLUDE A TELEPHONE NUMBER OR OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY USE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(3) THE STATEMENT MAY BE ALTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER TO:

(I) PROVIDE THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION;

(II) FIT WITHIN THE SPACE CONSTRAINTS OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHECKS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(III) COMBINE IT WITH THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 15-304(C) OF THIS TITLE, IF APPROPRIATE.

15-304.

(c) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER TO:

(I) FORM A ONE-SENTENCE STATEMENT ADVISING THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM; AND

(II) PRINT THE STATEMENT FORMED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

1. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED TAX REFUND CHECK STUB;

~~2. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED VENDOR PAYMENT CHECK; AND~~

~~3.~~ ONCE EACH PAY QUARTER, ON EACH STATE-ISSUED EMPLOYEE PAYCHECK STUB; AND

3. ON EACH STATE-ISSUED CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CHECK STUB.

(2) THE STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN A TELEPHONE NUMBER OR OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY USE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM.

(3) THE STATEMENT MAY BE ALTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER TO:

(I) PROVIDE THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION;

(II) FIT WITHIN THE SPACE CONSTRAINTS OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHECKS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(III) COMBINE IT WITH THE STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 15-102.1(C) OF THIS TITLE, IF APPROPRIATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.