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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 Maryland Cancer Treatment Program to reimburse providers at a certain rate;
8 requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term;
9 requiring the Department, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to
10 develop a certain workgroup and report to certain committees of the General
11 Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date for
12 certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Cancer
13 Treatment Program.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 15–901 through 15–905 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9.
17 Maryland Cancer Treatment Program”
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 **SUBTITLE 9. MARYLAND CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM.**

24 **15–901.**



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

3 15-902.

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

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

9 15-903.

10 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

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

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

15 (3) HAVE NO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND

16 (4) (I) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011, HAVE A COUNTABLE
17 HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN 116% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
18 GUIDELINES;

19 (II) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, HAVE A COUNTABLE
20 HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
21 GUIDELINES; AND

22 (III) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, HAVE A COUNTABLE
23 HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT IS LESS THAN 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
24 GUIDELINES.

25 15-904.

26 (A) THE PROGRAM SHALL USE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
27 PROGRAM RESOURCES FOR:

28 (1) PROVIDER ENROLLMENT, BILLING, AND PAYMENT SERVICES;
29 AND

1 (2) INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT, AND TRACKING
2 SERVICES.

3 (B) THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE PROVIDERS AT THE RATES
4 ESTABLISHED FOR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5 **15-905.**

6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS
7 SUBTITLE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of
9 Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall
10 develop a workgroup to identify funding sources other than State general funds to be
11 used to pay for health insurance coverage to individuals who would be eligible for the
12 Maryland Cancer Treatment Program established under Section 1 of this Act. On or
13 before July 1, 2010, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to
14 the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations
15 Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
17 take effect July 1, 2009.

18 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
19 Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.