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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-401

§ 15-401. Definitions

Effective: October 1, 2011

Currentness

**In general**

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

**Commissioner**

(b) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner.

**Program**

(c) "Program" means the Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2011, c. 8, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#); [Acts 2011, c. 9, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-402

§ 15-402. Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership

Effective: June 1, 2007

Currentness

**In general**

(a) There is a Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership.

**Purpose**

(b) The purposes of the Program are to:

(1) Provide incentives for individuals to insure against the costs of providing for their long-term care needs;

(2) Provide mechanisms for individuals to qualify for coverage of the costs of their long-term care needs under the medical assistance program without first being required to substantially exhaust all their resources;

(3) Assist in developing methods for increasing access to and the affordability of a long-term care policy; and

(4) Alleviate the financial burden on the State's medical assistance program by encouraging pursuit of private initiatives.

**Program requirements**

(c) The Program shall:

(1) Be administered by:

(i) The Department; and

(ii) The Commissioner;

(2) Provide for the financing of long-term care services by:

- (i) Private insurance; and
  - (ii) State medical assistance; and
- (3) Comply with the requirements of § 1917(b) of the Social Security Act and any applicable federal guidelines.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-403

§ 15-403. Long-Term Care Program eligibility

Effective: June 1, 2007

Currentness

**In general**

(a) To be eligible for the Program, an individual must:

(1) Be covered by a long-term care policy that is approved for the Program by the Commissioner under § 15-404 of this subtitle; and

(2) Satisfy any other requirement for eligibility established by the Department.

**Denial of eligibility**

(b) Program eligibility may not be denied under this section for policy benefits that are not available or appropriate for treating the insured's condition.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-404

§ 15-404. Long-term care policy requirements

Effective: June 1, 2007

Currentness

To qualify under the Program, a long-term care policy shall:

- (1) Satisfy the requirements of § 1917(b) of the Social Security Act and any applicable federal guidelines;
- (2) Satisfy the requirements of Title 18 of the Insurance Article; and
- (3) Alert the purchaser to the availability of consumer information and public education provided by the Commissioner under § 15-406 of this subtitle in accordance with any applicable federal guidelines.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-405

§ 15-405. Eligibility for medical assistance, calculation of resources

Effective: June 1, 2007

Currentness

In determining eligibility for medical assistance, an amount of resources equal to the amount of benefits paid under the long-term care policy shall be excluded from the Department's calculation of the individual's resources.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-406

§ 15-406. Education of public as to long-term care

Effective: June 1, 2007

Currentness

The Commissioner, through the Consumer Education and Advocacy Program, shall undertake measures to educate the public as to:

- (1) The need for long-term care;
- (2) Mechanisms for financing long-term care;
- (3) The availability of long-term care insurance; and
- (4) The asset protection provided under this subtitle.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#).

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MD Code, Health - General, § 15-407

§ 15-407. Reporting requirements

Effective: October 1, 2011

Currentness

The Department and the Commissioner shall jointly:

(1) Adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle consistent with § 1917(b) of the Social Security Act and any applicable federal guidelines;

(2) On or before January 1, 2008, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with [§ 2-1246 of the State Government Article](#), on the implementation of the Program, including:

(i) The number of long-term care policies approved by the Department for inclusion in the Program;

(ii) The measures undertaken to educate the public as required under [§ 15-406](#) of this subtitle; and

(iii) Any other information related to the implementation of the Program that the Department determines necessary; and

(3) Beginning January 1, 2009, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with [§ 2-1246 of the State Government Article](#) on:

(i) The effectiveness of the Program;

(ii) The impact of the Program on State expenditures for medical assistance;

(iii) The number of enrollees in the Program; and

(iv) The number of long-term care policies offered in the State under the Program.

**Credits**

Added by [Acts 1993, c. 513, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 1993](#). Amended by [Acts 1997, c. 635, § 9, eff. July 1, 1997](#); [Acts 1997, c. 636, § 9, eff. July 1, 1997](#); [Acts 2006, c. 492, § 1, eff. July 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 28, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2007, c. 29, § 1, eff. June 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2011, c. 8, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#); [Acts 2011, c. 9, § 1, eff. Oct. 1, 2011](#).

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