

nursing care for eligible persons. (2) The Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct and operate [such] hospitals [as may be] established by law and placed under the jurisdiction of the said Board of Health and Mental Hygiene for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases.

The State Department of Health and the physicians and pharmacists services subcommittees of the Maryland medical assistance program advisory committee shall meet jointly to determine which drugs shall be listed in a formulary system; and after [such] THE meetings, the Department shall publish [such] THE formulary, which shall include those generic drugs having clinical equivalency. The above subcommittees shall take due recognition of studies and recommendations of the U.S Food and Drug Administration and shall consult with various schools of pharmacy and [such] ANY other medical and pharmacological experts as it shall deem advisable.

[A reimbursement] THE form [will be] used for prescribing [all] drugs under the medicaid program in Maryland [and it] shall include the following statement: This prescription shall be filled by a generic equivalent from the State Health Department formulary, unless checked by the prescribing physician.

Unless the physician indicates otherwise on the form, it is understood that the generic form of the drug from the State Health Department formulary will be utilized in filling the prescription.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY ESTABLISH THE FORM AND METHOD OF APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT [UNER] UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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