

FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 MONTHS. THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY EXTEND THE MONITORING TIME PERIOD.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 14, 1979.

CHAPTER 366

(House Bill 955)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Assistance Program - Eligibility Guidelines

FOR the purpose of altering the allowable income levels for determining financial eligibility for the Maryland pharmacy assistance program; providing that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall define eligibility guidelines; properly defining the prescriptions that will be covered by the program; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health

Section 42M

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42M.

(a) From and after January 1, 1979, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish a Maryland pharmacy assistance program for certain low income individuals whose assets do not exceed [those allowed under] THE ASSET SCHEDULE OF the Maryland medical assistance program and whose gross annual income does not exceed the medical assistance [standards] INCOME SCHEDULE by more than [\$1,000] ~~\$1,700~~ \$1,500. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SECRETARY SHALL DEFINE EXCLUDED ASSETS, SHALL ESTABLISH A FAMILY UNIT STRUCTURE AND SHALL APPLY THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY SCHEDULES FOR FAMILY UNITS OF THE SAME SIZE.

(b) The Maryland pharmacy assistance program shall reimburse providers for [prescription drugs] ITEMS AND