

Financial Eligibility

FOR the purpose of altering the allowable income levels for determining financial eligibility for the pharmacy assistance program under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
Section 42M
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 the asset schedule of the Maryland medical assistance program and whose gross annual income does not exceed the medical assistance income schedule by more than [\$1,500] ~~\$2,200~~ \$1,700. 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 items and services covered under the Maryland medical assistance pharmacy program up to the amount paid for the same services under the medical assistance pharmacy program subject to a copayment not to exceed \$1 for each covered service.

(c) However, the Maryland pharmacy assistance program may not reimburse providers for items that are currently determined to be ineffective by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.