

CHAPTER 344

(House Bill 697)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Kidney Disease Program -  
~~Medicare Part D~~ Eligibility Requirements**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to require Kidney Disease Program recipients to apply for eligibility in the Medicare Part D Program, the Medicare Part B Program, and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Kidney Disease Program ~~and Medicare Part D.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 13-301 and 13-311  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 13-312  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

13-301.

The Kidney Disease Program is a program in the Department for the purpose of providing funding of kidney disease treatment for qualified individuals who elect to enroll in the Program and agree to pay fees which are described in this subtitle.

13-311.

(a) The Department shall certify an individual as eligible for benefits under the Program if the Department determines that:

(1) The individual has chronic kidney disease as defined in the Commission's regulations; and

(2) The individual meets the residency, citizenship, and other nonmedical eligibility requirements established by the Department.

(b) (1) The certification of an individual under this section shall be for a period of 1 year.