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(a) The Program shall:

(1) [subject to the moneys available in the segregated account under § 14-504 of this subtitle, provide benefits to the maximum number of individuals eligible for enrollment in the Program; and] PROVIDE A PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT SUBSIDY, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THAT MAY PAY ALL OR SOME OF THE DEDUCTIBLES, COINSURANCE PAYMENTS, PREMIUMS, AND COPAYMENTS UNDER THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PART D PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ENROLLEES OF THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) [provide a State subsidy for a portion of the cost of Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plan drug-related premiums and deductibles] PROVIDE THE SUBSIDY TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO THE MONEYS AVAILABLE IN THE SEGREGATED ACCOUNT UNDER § 14-504 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(b) The subsidy required under subsection (a) of this section shall be equal to:

(1) for the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage Plan drug-related premium:

(i) for individuals who do not qualify for a federal low-income subsidy, at least \$25 per enrollee per month; and

(ii) for individuals who qualify for a partial federal low-income subsidy, the lesser of:

1. the amount provided under item (i) of this item; or
2. the full amount of the enrollee share of the premium; and

(2) for the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage Plan drug-related deductible, the total amount of the deductible, less the copayment or coinsurance amount specified in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) An enrollee shall pay a copayment or coinsurance amount, instead of a deductible, equal to the initial copayment or coinsurance amount for which the enrollee is responsible under the enrollee's Medicare Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage Plan after the deductible is satisfied.

(d) The Program shall establish an annual subsidy limit for an enrollee.]

(B) THE PROGRAM MAY ANNUALLY PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY, UP TO THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN PREMIUM, FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR A PARTIAL FEDERAL LOW-INCOME SUBSIDY.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL MAINTAIN A WAITING LIST OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM BUT WHO ARE NOT SERVED BY THE PROGRAM DUE TO FUNDING LIMITATIONS.

(G) (D) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ANNUALLY: