

Assistance Program at a price that is based on the price paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, minus the aggregate value of any federally mandated manufacturers' rebates AND ANY STATE CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT.

[(2) Subject to subsection (g) of this section, and to the extent authorized under federal waiver, an enrollee whose annual household income is at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines may receive a discount subsidized by the Department that is equal to 35 percent of the price paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program for each medically necessary prescription drug purchased under the Program.]

(g) The Department may establish mechanisms to:

(1) Recover the administrative costs of the Program;

(2) Reimburse participating pharmacies in an amount equal to the Maryland Medical Assistance price, minus the copayment paid by the enrollee for each prescription filled under the Program; and

(3) Allow participating pharmacies to collect a \$1 processing fee, in addition to any authorized dispensing fee, for each prescription filled for an enrollee under the Program.

(h) The Secretary shall adopt regulations to implement the Program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-214.1.

(A) ~~THE COMMISSION EACH HOSPITAL IN THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE PROVIDING FREE AND REDUCED-COST CARE TO LOW-INCOME PATIENTS:~~

~~(1) WITH FAMILY INCOME BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND~~

~~(2) WHO LACK HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.~~

(B) A HOSPITAL SHALL POST A NOTICE IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL DESCRIBING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY AND HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-COST CARE.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP A UNIFORM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION; AND

(2) REQUIRE EACH HOSPITAL TO USE THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-COST CARE UNDER THE HOSPITAL'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY.

(D) THE UNIFORM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION: