

(1) assist eligible individuals in applying for coverage under the Program; and

(2) provide notice of the Program and its eligibility requirements to potentially eligible individuals who seek health insurance counseling services through the Department of Aging.

(d) The Board shall develop a mail-in application for the Program.

(e) Any outreach performed by the Board on behalf of the Program shall be funded through the Program's segregated account within the Fund.

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

Article - Health - General

15-124.

(a) The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income individuals NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE whose:

(1) Assets are not more than the level established by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program; and

(2) Gross annual income does not exceed 116% of the federal poverty guidelines for an individual, or 100% of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of two or more.

(e) The Secretary shall develop a program, in consultation with appropriate agencies, that will provide information to ineligible Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program applicants regarding other programs that they may be eligible for including the Maryland Medbank Program established under § 15-124.2 of this subtitle and the Senior Prescription Drug ASSISTANCE Program established under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the Insurance Article.

[15-124.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated:

(2) "Enrollee" means an individual who is enrolled in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program.

(3) "Program" means the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under this section.

(b) There is a Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program within the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(c) The purpose of the Program is to improve the health status of Medicare beneficiaries who lack prescription drug coverage by providing access to lower cost, medically necessary, prescription drugs.