

Article - Health - General
 Section 15-124(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

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15-124.

(a) (1) The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income individuals whose:

(i) Assets are not more than the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and

(ii) Gross annual income does not exceed:

1. \$4,600 plus \$500 for each individual over one in a family unit; and

2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph (2) [(iv)] (III) of this subsection.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall:

(i) Define excluded assets;

(ii) Establish a family unit structure; AND

[(iii) Apply the medical assistance financial eligibility schedules for family units of the same size; and

(iv)] (III) Beginning July 1, [1982] 1985, increase annually AT THE TIME SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE INCREASED, rounded to the [nearest] NEXT HIGHEST even \$50 level, the income level within which an individual is eligible for benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program by the larger of:

1. The percentage by which benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act (42 USC 401-433) are increased by the federal government due to cost of living changes as that percentage is reported in the Federal Register pursuant to 42 USC 415(i)(2)(d) but not to exceed 8 percent; or

2. The dollar amount by which the medical assistance income schedules are increased by the State.