

CHAPTER 28

(Senate Bill 370)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program -  
Authority to Deny, Restrict, or Terminate Eligibility

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt rules and regulations that deny, restrict, or terminate eligibility for certain recipients who have abused ~~or-are-suspected-of-having-abused~~ benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; and providing for certain notice and hearing requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 15-124  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

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)(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) Beginning July 1, 1985, increase annually at the time social security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the income level within which an