

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.

(b) (1) The Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program shall reimburse providers for those kinds of items and services that are covered by the pharmacy program of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(2) The reimbursement shall be up to the amount paid for the same items or services under the pharmacy program of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and subject to a copayment of not more than \$1 for each covered item or service.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT AUTHORIZE THE DENIAL, RESTRICTION, OR TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE ABUSED OR--ARE--SUSPECTED--OF HAVING--ABUSED BENEFITS UNDER THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE RECIPIENT BE GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE ELIGIBILITY MAY BE DENIED, RESTRICTED, OR TERMINATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 8, 1986.

CHAPTER 29

(Senate Bill 448)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County - Deputy Treasurer

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for the frequency of payments of salary to the deputy treasurer of Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,