

and generally relating to participation in the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 15-124
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 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 1.5 times the amount of accountable resources according to 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 1 in a family unit; and

2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph (2)(iii) of this subsection} ~~THE POVERTY--INCOME--GUIDELINES--FOR-A-FAMILY-OF-2-ISSUED-ANNUALLY-BY THE-UNITED-STATES-DEPARTMENT-OF-HEALTH-AND-HUMAN-SERVICES.~~

(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} 1989, increase annually {at the time social security benefits are increased [or at the time the State increases the medical assistance income schedules], rounded to the 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