

(3) If the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program fails to provide advance notice as required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, it shall honor and pay in full any claim under the Program rules or requirements that existed before the change for 30 days after the postmarked date of the notice.

(d) (1) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations that authorize the denial, restriction, or termination of eligibility for recipients who have abused benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program.

(2) As a condition of participation, the Department may require Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program participants to apply for eligibility in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program within 60 days of notification to do so by the Department.

(3) 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.

Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1991

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by the ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. {At the end of June 30, 1993 1995, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.}

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1993.

Approved April 26, 1993.

CHAPTER 99

(Senate Bill 155)

AN ACT concerning

Utilization Review – Certification and Recertification Requirements

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that a hospital submit its utilization review ~~plan~~ program for recertification by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene every two years; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to certify certain utilization review programs that meet certain minimum standards; requiring the Secretary to recertify certain utilization review programs if certain changes are made; requiring a hospital to report any changes to certain utilization programs within a certain time; and generally relating to the certification and recertification of utilization review programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
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