- (1) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROPOSALS AND AN OFFER TO CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS. AND
- (2) WHEN REQUESTED BY A PHARMACY IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PROVIDE, FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT PHARMACY TO:
- (I) ACCEPT THE OFFER TO PROVIDE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL: AND
- (II) BECOME ONE OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION'S PANEL OF PROVIDERS ON THE TERMS PROPOSED BY THE HMO
- (1) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT ISSUES A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, INCLUDING CHANGES IN TERMS TO AN EXISTING CONTRACT TO PROVIDE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, SHALL NOTIFY THE MARYLAND PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER ISSUING THAT REQUEST.
- (2) THE MARYLAND PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION MAY INFORM LICENSED PHARMACISTS OF THE REQUEST.
- (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT:
- (1) PROVIDES PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FROM A PHARMACY THAT IS LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND
- (2) PROVIDES AT LEAST 50% OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BY AN ON-SITE PHARMACY PROVIDES PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES SOLELY FROM A PHARMACY THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE HEALTH-MAINTENANCE-ORGANIZATION ON THE SITE OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.
- (C) <u>A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR PROCESSING OR ACCEPTING AN APPLICATION TO PROVIDE PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES.</u>
- (C) (D) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES FROM A PHARMACY THAT IS:
- (1) LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND
- (2) WHOLLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.