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~~SUBTITLE 6. MARYLAND MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM
SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUBSIDY PLAN.~~

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~~(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT TO BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO:~~

- ~~(1) ARE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND AND AT LEAST 65 YEARS OF AGE;~~
- ~~(2) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE AS DEFINED BY TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS AMENDED;~~
- ~~(3) HAVE NO MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE IN THEIR COUNTY OR HAVE NO MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED BY THE FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;~~
- ~~(4) PAY THE PREMIUM FOR MEDICARE PART "B" AS DETERMINED BY TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS AMENDED; AND~~
- ~~(5) PAY THE PREMIUM AND DEDUCTIBLES FOR A MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE PROGRAM.~~

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~~THE FIRST MANAGED CARE PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM IN A COUNTY OR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA THAT HAS NO MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE PROGRAM FOR CURRENT ELIGIBLE MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES OR NEW MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE PAID A \$20 SUBSIDY PER ENROLLEE PER MONTH PROVIDED THAT:~~

- ~~(1) THE MANAGED CARE PROVIDER SIGNS A CONTRACT WITH THE SECRETARY GUARANTEEING THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE A MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM IN A COUNTY OR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 2 YEARS;~~
- ~~(2) THE MANAGED CARE PROVIDER APPLIES FOR AND RECEIVES APPROVAL FROM THE FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM;~~
- ~~(3) THE PREMIUMS REMAIN THE SAME OR LESS FOR THE 2-YEAR CONTRACT PERIOD;~~
- ~~(4) THE REQUIRED MINIMUM BENEFITS ARE INCLUDED IN THE MEDICARE PLUS CHOICE MANAGED CARE BENEFIT PLAN;~~