

~~(G) TO THE EXTENT THAT AN INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY SERVES PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES, THE INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.~~

~~(H) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, 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] 3 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)(i)4 of this subsection] 120 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.~~

~~(2) (i) 1. In this paragraph the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~2. "Income disregard" means the exclusion of up to \$1,000 of annual income earned by an individual as a client of a sheltered workshop if the individual's sole other income is derived from a Social Security payment.~~

~~3. "Sheltered workshop" means a workshop licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration under Title 7, Subtitle 9 of this article.~~

~~(ii) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary shall:~~

~~1. In order to determine eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program, deduct any income disregards from the countable gross income of a unit that contains a disabled individual;~~

~~2. Define excluded assets; AND~~

~~3. Establish a family unit structure[; and~~

~~4. Beginning July 1, 1985, increase annually at the time Social Security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the~~