

~~(e) "Fund" means the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund created under § 15-604 of this subtitle.~~

~~[(f) "Medically underserved county" means any of the following counties:~~

- ~~(1) Allegany County;~~
- ~~(2) Calvert County;~~
- ~~(3) Caroline County;~~
- ~~(4) Carroll County;~~
- ~~(5) Cecil County;~~
- ~~(6) Charles County;~~
- ~~(7) Dorchester County;~~
- ~~(8) Frederick County;~~
- ~~(9) Garrett County;~~
- ~~(10) Kent County;~~
- ~~(11) Queen Anne's County;~~
- ~~(12) St. Mary's County;~~
- ~~(13) Somerset County;~~
- ~~(14) Talbot County;~~
- ~~(15) Washington County;~~
- ~~(16) Wicomico County; or~~
- ~~(17) Worcester County.~~

~~(g) "Portion of a county" means a geographic part of a county not listed in subsection (f) of this section that was served by a Medicare Plus Choice managed care provider prior to January 1, 2000, and is no longer served.]~~

~~[(h)](F) "Plan" means the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan established under this subtitle.~~

~~15-602.~~

~~(a) A carrier that is required to provide the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan under § 15-606(c) of the Insurance Article shall:~~

- ~~(1) Sign a contract with the Secretary agreeing to provide prescription drug benefits to eligible individuals for a period of at least [2 years] 1 YEAR;~~
- ~~(2) Except as otherwise required under State or federal law, agree not to alter the level or types of benefits provided under the Plan throughout the [2 year] 1-YEAR period of the contract;~~