

~~other means, to the eligible individuals [eligible for enrollment in the first 180 days of the operation of the Plan,] of the availability of the Plan [and of the enrollment preference to be granted].~~

~~(D) THE CARRIER, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001 AND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2001, FOR EACH ENROLLEE, SHALL DISREGARD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE ENROLLEE'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE TOTAL ANNUAL BENEFIT LIMIT, ALL BENEFIT AMOUNTS REALIZED UNDER THE PLAN THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001.~~

~~SECTION 2. SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:~~

~~(a) (1) shall submit an application to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for an amendment to the State's existing § 1115 demonstration waiver necessary to implement the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program established under § 15-124.1 of the Health General Article as enacted by Section 2 of this Act; and~~

~~(2) may comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection by simultaneously applying for two separate amendments, as follows:~~

~~(i) one amendment establishing eligibility for the Medicare enrollees who are without other public or private prescription drug coverage; and~~

~~(ii) one amendment establishing eligibility for other individuals who have an annual household income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and do not have other public or private prescription drug coverage;~~

~~(b) shall include in its application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section provisions for the establishment of a pharmaceutical care management program, for individuals who will participate in the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program, the objectives of which shall be to:~~

~~(1) improve the overall health condition of covered individuals;~~

~~(2) ensure that covered individuals are receiving necessary prescription medications, are not receiving multiple medications which are not adding to the overall improvement of the health conditions of the individuals, and are not taking multiple medications which by their interaction may cause harm; and~~

~~(3) ensure coordination between a covered individual's primary care provider, pharmacist, and other health care professionals in the delivery of pharmaceutical care;~~

~~(c) shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the status of the application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section as soon as the Department receives final approval or denial, but not later than December 1, 2001; and~~

~~(d) if the Department receives approval for an application or applications required under subsection (a) of this section, may not implement the Maryland~~