

~~2. the best option or options for financing any method or methods recommended under item 1 of this subparagraph; and~~

~~3. the nature and extent of outreach that should be performed to best inform eligible individuals of the ability to obtain prescription drugs through the federally qualified health centers in the State; and~~

~~(4) the cost-benefit analysis of any recommendations under paragraph (3)(ii) of this section.~~

~~SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Health Care Foundation shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, and to the Governor, on or before December 1, 2001, and annually thereafter, on its progress in fulfilling the obligations imposed in Section 1 of this Act, including:~~

~~(a) The number and demographic characteristics of the State residents served by the Foundation under this Act;~~

~~(b) The types and approximate value of prescription pharmaceutical products drugs accessed under this Act; and~~

~~(c) The nature and extent of outreach performed to inform State residents of the assistance available through the Foundation.~~

~~SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations not later than June 30, 2001 to implement, effective July 1, 2001, the provisions of Section 4 of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the carrier that is required to provide the Short Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan under § 15-606(e) of the Insurance Article shall agree, not later than June 30, 2001, to modify the contract required under Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000 to enable the implementation, effective July 1, 2001, of the provisions of Section 4 of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is notified by the federal Health Care Financing Administration that any provision of Section 4 of this Act will invalidate the Maryland Medicare Waiver or cause a reduction in the State's eligibility for federal funding of Medicaid, the Secretary may suspend the implementation or operation of the provision of Section 4 of this Act that is the subject of the notification.~~

~~SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Aging shall:~~

~~(a) develop a mechanism for serving the general public as a central point of referral to the various forms of available assistance related to accessing prescription drugs in the State;~~

~~(b) in fulfilling its obligations under subsection (a) of this section, coordinate with all relevant public and private entities to maintain current and accurate~~