

to alter the calculation of certain benefits beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain carrier to submit a certain quarterly financial accounting to certain agencies; specifying the contents of the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund; requiring a certain carrier to develop and implement a certain marketing plan; providing that the marketing plan must be submitted to and approved by the Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and implement a certain outreach program; requiring the Department of Aging to perform certain outreach functions; making certain technical corrections; altering a certain contribution requirement for the Fund; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to transfer all funds assessed and collected under a certain plan to a certain fund; requiring the State Comptroller of the Treasury to study the feasibility of a certain tax credit in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring certain reports to be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to study the feasibility of purchasing prescription drugs in a certain manner; requiring the Foundation to report certain information annually on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to study the impact of a certain program on certain entities; providing that certain individuals shall remain eligible for the subsidy plan regardless of the imposition of certain new eligibility requirements; requiring the Department and a certain carrier to extend a certain contract on or before a certain date; providing that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene may suspend the implementation or operation of a certain plan upon certain notice by the federal government; requiring a certain carrier to send a certain notice to certain individuals by a certain date; stating the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; making certain provisions of this Act subject to certain contingencies; providing for the effective dates of this Act; and generally relating to prescription drug benefits.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(d), 15-124.1, 15-124.2, and 15-606

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-124(e), 15-601 through 15-604, inclusive, and 20-506

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-606(a) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)