

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

Section 2

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Section 4 and 5

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15-103.

(D) AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW OR WAIVER, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AS PART OF THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

15-124.

(e) The Secretary shall develop a program, in consultation with appropriate agencies, that will provide information to ineligible Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program applicants regarding other programs that they may be eligible for including [free programs offered by drug manufacturers] THE MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUBSIDY PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE.

15-124.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ENROLLEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) THERE IS A MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO LACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOWER COST, MEDICALLY NECESSARY, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW OR WAIVER.