

15-604.

(a) There is a Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund.

(b) The Fund contains:

(1) the assessment against carriers made under § 15-606(c) of the Insurance Article;

(2) PREMIUMS COLLECTED UNDER § 15-603 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) INTEREST AND INVESTMENT INCOME.

(c) The Fund is a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(d) The Treasurer shall separately hold, and the Comptroller shall account, for the Fund.

(e) (1) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(2) Any INTEREST AND investment earnings shall be retained to the credit of the Fund.

(f) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the Office of Legislative Audits, as provided in § 2-1220 of the State Government Article.

(g) The Secretary shall transfer the moneys in the Fund to the carrier providing the Plan as the moneys are needed to provide benefits to enrollees in the Plan AS DOCUMENTED IN THE CARRIER'S QUARTERLY REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY AND THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 15-602(A)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15-606.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAXIMIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM TARGETED AT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICIZE THE EXISTENCE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;

(2) LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS;

(3) CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES;

(4) PLACES OF WORSHIP;

(5) CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS;

(6) COMMUNITY PHARMACIES; AND