

~~establishing eligibility criteria for certain prescription drug benefit programs; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer and operate a certain program as permitted by federal law or waiver; providing for an exception to a certain eligibility limitation; authorizing the Department to establish a certain enrollment fee to cover certain costs certain mechanisms to recover certain administrative costs and to reimburse certain participating pharmacies; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to apply for a certain waiver expansion to implement a certain program; requiring the Maryland Health Care Foundation to operate and administer a certain program; authorizing the Foundation to contract with certain nonprofit organizations to operate and administer a certain program; requiring the Foundation to contract with certain entities to administer a certain program; requiring the Foundation to give priority to certain entities when contracting for the administration of a certain program; specifying the funding source of a certain program; requiring certain funds to be spent on a certain activity; requiring the Foundation to make a certain program available in each geographic region of the State; altering the eligibility requirements for the short term prescription drug subsidy plan; altering certain definitions; repealing certain definitions; altering the conditions for a carrier to provide the subsidy plan; extending the duration of the short term drug subsidy plan; lowering the monthly premium under the plan; increasing the benefit limit under the plan; expanding the total number of enrollees allowed under the plan; requiring a certain carrier 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 a certain fund; 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; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to transfer all funds assessed and collected under a certain plan to a certain fund; providing that a certain carrier shall only enroll certain individuals in a certain plan for a certain period of time; 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 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; providing for the termination of certain portions 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 coverage.~~