

BY adding to

~~Article Health General~~

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

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2000 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Health General~~

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

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2000 Replacement Volume)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Insurance~~

~~Section 15 606(a) and (c)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000~~

~~Section 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 MEDBANK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15 124.2 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~15 124.1.~~

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

~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEDICARE ENROLLEES AND CERTAIN UNINSURED LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO~~