

~~LACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOWER COST, MEDICALLY NECESSARY, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.~~

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

~~(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO:~~

~~(1) MEDICARE ENROLLEES WITHOUT OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE; AND~~

~~(2) OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AT OR BELOW 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES WITHOUT OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.~~

~~(E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ENROLLEES OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PURCHASE MEDICALLY NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, COVERED UNDER MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FROM ANY PHARMACY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT A PRICE THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE PRICE PAID BY THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE BENEFIT MINUS THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF ANY FEDERALLY MANDATED MANUFACTURERS' REBATES.~~

~~(2) TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL WAIVER, EACH ENROLLEE WHOSE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 130 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY EQUAL TO 75 PERCENT OF THE PRICE PAID BY THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASED UNDER THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(2) (F) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FEE TO COVER MECHANISMS TO:~~

~~(1) RECOVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM; AND~~

~~(2) REIMBURSE PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PRICE MINUS THE CO-PAYMENT PAID BY THE ENROLLEE FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG SOLD UNDER THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(F) (G) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ENROLLED IN OR HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS IS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM, PROVIDED THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION ARE MET:~~

~~(1) THE MEDBANK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

~~(2) THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-134 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(G) (H) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.~~