

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article — Health — General

15-124.1.

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

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEDICARE ENROLLEES AND LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS WHO LACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOWER COST, MEDICALLY NECESSARY, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPEN TO MEDICARE ENROLLEES WHO:

(1) LACK OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE;
AND

(2) HAVE AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AT OR BELOW 250 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES.

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

(2) EACH ENROLLEE UNDER THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM WHOSE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 155 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A SUBSIDY EQUAL TO 50 PERCENT OF THE PRICE PAID BY THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH 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 COPAYMENT PAID BY THE ENROLLEE FOR EACH PRESCRIPTION DRUG SOLD UNDER THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article — Health — General

15-124.2.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM.