

~~(1) the scope of each entity's purchasing power under federal prescription drug pricing programs;~~

~~(2) the federal restrictions or requirements placed on these entities as conditions for participation in federal prescription drug pricing programs;~~

~~(3) the number and demographic characteristics, including area of residence, economic status, and insurance status, of the individuals eligible to utilize available prescription drug pricing programs through these entities in the State;~~

~~(4) the types of prescription drugs that are or could be available through federal prescription drug pricing programs through these entities in the State;~~

~~(5) recommendations regarding:~~

~~(i) whether to pursue a method to access federal prescription drug pricing programs through these entities in the State; and~~

~~(ii) if the recommendation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is affirmative:~~

~~1. the most appropriate method or methods to maximize the potential of federal prescription drug pricing programs through these entities in the State;~~

~~2. the best option or options for financing any method or methods recommended under item 1 of this subparagraph; and~~

~~3. the nature and extent of outreach that should be performed to best inform eligible individuals of the ability to obtain prescription drugs through the federally qualified health centers in the State; and~~

~~(6) the costs and benefits of any recommendations under paragraph (3)(ii) of this section.~~

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Health Care Foundation shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, and to the Governor, on or before December 1, 2001, and annually thereafter, on the Maryland Medbank Program created under Section 3 of this Act, including:~~

~~(a) the number and demographic characteristics of the State residents served by the program;~~

~~(b) the types and approximate value of prescription drugs accessed through the program; and~~

~~(c) the nature and extent of outreach performed to inform State residents of the assistance available through the program.~~

~~SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt regulations not later than June 30, 2001 to implement the provisions of Section 3 of this Act.~~