Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u>Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000</u> Section 2

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<u>Chapter 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000</u> Section 4 and 5

<u>SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF</u>
<u>MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:</u>

# <u>Article - Health - General</u>

#### *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 Ifree programs offered by drug manufacturers THE MARYLAND MEDBANK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15-124.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUBSIDY PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE.

#### *15–124.1.*

- (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:
- (2) <u>"ENROLLEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM.</u>
- (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND PHARMACY DISCOUNT PROGRAM WITHIN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO LACK PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOWER COST, MEDICALLY NECESSARY, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.