

- (2) A nonprofit health service plan; OR
- (3) A health maintenance organization;
- (4) A managed care organization;
- (5) A dental plan organization; or
- (6) Any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State].

(c) "Eligible individual" means an individual who:

- (1) Is a resident of Maryland [and at least 65 years of age];
- (2) Is A MEDICARE BENEFICIARY [eligible for Medicare Plus Choice, as defined under Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, as amended];
- (3) [Resides in a medically underserved county or portion of a county;
- (4) Pays the premium for Medicare Part "B", as required by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended;
- (5) Is not enrolled in a Medicare Plus Choice managed care program OR OTHER INSURANCE PROGRAM that provides prescription drug benefits at the time that the individual applies for enrollment in the plan; [and]

(4) HAS AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AT OR BELOW 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES; AND

~~[(6)]~~ (5) Pays the premium[, co-payments, and deductibles] AND COPAYMENTS for the plan.

(d) "Enrollee" means an individual enrolled in the plan.

(e) "Fund" means the Short-Term Prescription Drug Subsidy Plan Fund created under § 15-604 of this subtitle.

~~[(f)]~~ "Medically underserved county" means any of the following counties:

- (1) Allegany County;
- (2) Calvert County;
- (3) Caroline County;
- (4) Carroll County;
- (5) Cecil County;
- (6) Charles County;
- (7) Dorchester County;
- (8) Frederick County;
- (9) Garrett County;