

- (i) Western Maryland;
- (ii) The Eastern Shore;
- (iii) The Baltimore metropolitan area;
- (iv) The Maryland counties in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area; and
- (v) Southern Maryland, including Anne Arundel County.

(2) Medbank of Maryland, Inc. shall be the central coordinating office for the State.

(g) Eligibility for the Program shall be limited only by the criteria established by pharmaceutical manufacturers for their patient assistance programs.

(h) (1) The Department shall require detailed financial reports at least quarterly from Medbank of Maryland, Inc.

(2) The Medbank of Maryland, Inc. shall release funds to the entities that operate the Program as needed and justified by the quarterly reports filed in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(i) On or before December 1, 2001, and annually thereafter, the Department and Medbank of Maryland, Inc. shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on the status of the Maryland Medbank Program established under this section, including:

(1) The number and demographic characteristics of the State residents served by the Program;

(2) The types and retail value of prescription drugs accessed through the Program;

(3) The nature and extent of outreach performed to inform State residents of the assistance available through the Program; and

(4) The total volume and retail value of each brand name drug, by manufacturer, accessed through the Program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Section 4 of Chapter 345 of the Acts of the General Assembly or any other provision of law, for fiscal year 2008 only, funds remaining from the Senior Prescription Drug Program that have accrued to the account of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program