

Senate Bill No. 235

AN ACT concerning

Maintenance Drug Prescriptions – Supply Quantity – Repeal of Termination Date and Alteration of Application

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination date for and altering the application of a provision of law that requires certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow an insured or enrollee to receive a certain supply quantity of a maintenance drug in a single dispensing under certain circumstances; ~~prohibiting a certain limitation on a maintenance drug purchase; limiting a certain co-payment for an enrollee of a health maintenance organization; and generally relating to the dispensing of a maintenance drug prescription.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–824

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume)

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Chapter 232 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 3

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

Article – Insurance

15–824.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Authorized prescriber” has the meaning stated in § 12–101 of the Health Occupations Article.

(3) “Maintenance drug” means a drug anticipated to be required for 6 months or more to treat a chronic condition.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide coverage for drugs under health insurance policies or contracts that are delivered or issued for delivery in the State to employers or individuals on a group or individual basis; AND

(2) health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for drugs under contracts that are delivered or issued for delivery in the State to employers or individuals on a group or individual basis; ~~and.~~