

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide additional, alternative, and supplemental authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and may not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 262

(House Bill 257)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Contracts with Pharmacies and Pharmacists

FOR the purpose of requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to ~~enter into certain contracts with pharmacy providers under certain circumstances; specifying certain requirements of the contracts~~ disclose certain information to a pharmacy or a pharmacist at the time of entering into a contract with the pharmacy or pharmacist and at a certain time before a contract change; specifying provisions that apply to audits carried out by pharmacy benefits managers of pharmacies or pharmacy claims, pharmacists, and claims of pharmacies and pharmacists; making certain provisions of law applicable to pharmacy benefits managers; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a certain appeals process; establishing a process for a pharmacy or pharmacist to file a certain complaint with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; establishing a certain process for review of the underpayment of a claim *requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to establish a certain process for review of a failure to pay the contractual reimbursement amount of certain claims; making certain provisions of law*