In this paragraph the following words have the meanings

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By: Delegates Redmer, Stern, Klausmeier, Ports, Eckardt, and Hubbard Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2000 Assigned to: Environmental Matters A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program - Eligibility Requirements 3 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility requirements for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; and generally relating to eligibility for the Maryland 4 5 Pharmacy Assistance Program. 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Health - General 7 8 Section 15-124 9 Annotated Code of Maryland 10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 11 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Health - General 13 14 15-124. 15 The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance (a) (1) 16 Program for low income individuals whose: 17 (i) Assets are not more than 1.5 times the amount of accountable 18 resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance 19 Program; and 20 (ii) Gross annual income does not exceed: 21 1. \$4,600 plus \$500 for each individual over 1 in a family 22 unit: and 23 2. An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph 24 (2)(ii)4 of this subsection.

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	2. "Income disregard" means the exclusion of up to \$1,000 of annual income earned by an individual as a client of a sheltered workshop if the individual's sole other income is derived from a Social Security payment.				
	Developmental Disab General Article.	oilities Ad	3. Iministra	"Sheltered workshop" means a workshop licensed by the tion under Title 7, Subtitle 9 of the Health -	
7 8	Secretary shall:	(ii)	For the	purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the	
	Pharmacy Assistance gross income of a un			In order to determine eligibility for the Maryland any income disregards from the countable lisabled individual;	
12			2.	Define excluded assets;	
13			3.	Establish a family unit structure; and	
15 16	4. Beginning July 1, 1985, increase annually at the time Social Security benefits are increased, rounded to the next highest even \$50 level, the income level within which an individual is eligible for benefits under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program by the larger of:				
20	Social Security Act (to cost-of-living char	nges as th	at percer	The percentage by which benefits under Title II of the 3) are increased by the federal government due tage is reported in the Federal Register not to exceed 8 percent; or	
	schedules are increas			The dollar amount by which the medical assistance income DR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE MEDICARE A PHARMACY BENEFIT PLAN.	
		DIVIDU	ALS WE	AINTAIN A MARYLAND PHARMACY ASSISTANCE HOSE FAMILY INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 200 PERCENT EL.	
30	Program shall be lim	ssued by	aintenand	rsement under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance ce drugs, anti-infectives, and AZT as specified etary after consultation with the Maryland	
34 35	the Program shall rei reimburse for the dru	ıg's gener ıdwriting,	ic equiva , on the f	For any drug on the Program's interchangeable drug list, in an amount not more than it would alent, unless the individual's physician states, ace of the prescription, that a specific brand is r patient.	

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