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CHAPTER 270

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program - Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility guidelines for participation in the
4 Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; making a certain technical correction;
5 and generally relating to pharmacy assistance programs.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 15-124
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 15-124.

15 (a) [(1)] The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance
16 Program for low income individuals whose:

17 [(i)] (1) Assets are not more than [1.5 times the amount of
18 accountable resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical
19 Assistance Program] THE LEVEL ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR
20 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE
21 BENEFICIARY PROGRAM; and

1 (e) The Secretary shall develop a program, in consultation with appropriate
2 agencies, that will provide information to ineligible Maryland Pharmacy Assistance
3 Program applicants regarding other programs that they may be eligible for including
4 the Maryland Medbank Program established under § 15-124.2 of this subtitle and the
5 [short-term prescription drug subsidy plan established under Subtitle 6 of this title]
6 SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5
7 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2003.