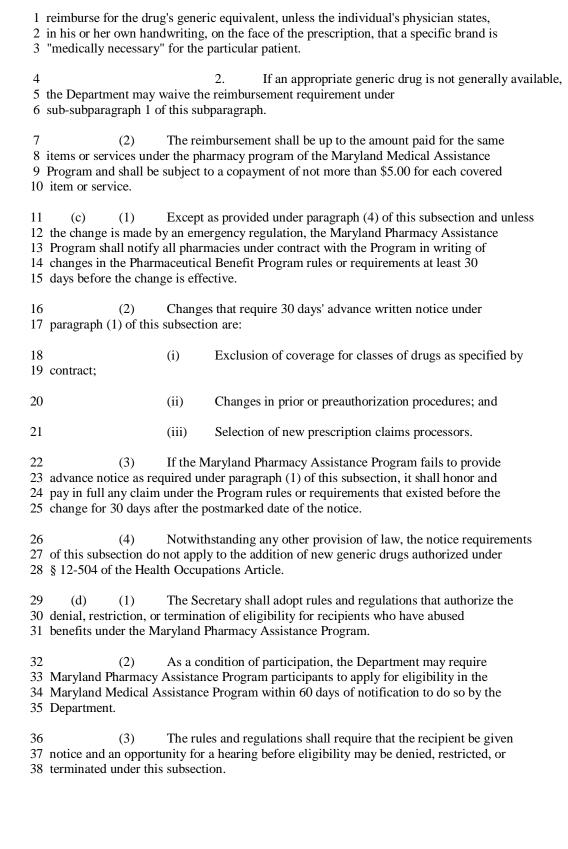
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	CHAPTER					
1 A	AN ACT concerning					
2	2 Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program - Eligibility					
3 F 4 5	.,					
6 H 7 8 9 10	8 Section 15-124 9 Annotated Code of Maryland					
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:						
13	Article - Health - General					
14	15-124.					
15 16	(a) [(1)] The Department shall maintain a Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for low income individuals whose:					
19 20	[(i)] (1) Assets are not more than [1.5 times the amount of accountable resources according to the asset schedule of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program] THE LEVEL ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM; and					

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1		[(ii)]	(2)	Gross annual income does not exceed[:		
				\$4,600 plus \$500 for each individual over 1 in a family RTY GUIDELINES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR 100% OF NES FOR A FAMILY OF TWO OR MORE[; and		
5 6	(2)(ii)4 of this subs	section.	2.	An annual increase set by the Secretary under paragraph		
7 8	indicated. (2)	(i)	1.	In this paragraph the following words have the meanings		
		•		"Income disregard" means the exclusion of up to \$1,000 of as a client of a sheltered workshop if the ed from a Social Security payment.		
12 13		isabilities A	3. dministra	"Sheltered workshop" means a workshop licensed by the ation under Title 7, Subtitle 9 of this article.		
14 15	Secretary shall:	(ii)	For the	purpose of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the		
	1. In order to determine eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program, deduct any income disregards from the countable gross income of a unit that contains a disabled individual;					
19			2.	Define excluded assets;		
20			3.	Establish a family unit structure; and		
23	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:					
27	Social Security Act to cost-of-living cl	hanges as th	at percer	The percentage by which benefits under Title II of the 3) are increased by the federal government due stage is reported in the Federal Register not to exceed 8 percent; or		
29 30	schedules are incre	eased by the	B. e State].	The dollar amount by which the medical assistance income		
33		e issued by	aintenanc	rsement under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance to drugs, anti-infectives, and AZT as specified etary after consultation with the Maryland		
35 36	the Program shall	(ii) reimburse p	1. providers	For any drug on the Program's interchangeable drug list, in an amount not more than it would		

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- 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.