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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement by the Department of**
3 **Health and Mental Hygiene**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain pharmacies to receive a certain
5 reimbursement electronically from the Department of Health and Mental
6 Hygiene under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; and generally
7 relating to the electronic reimbursement of pharmacies by the Department of
8 Health and Mental Hygiene.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article - Health - General
11 Section 15-101(i) and 15-105(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Health - General
16 Section 15-105.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 15-101.

23 (i) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

24 15-105.

25 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations for the reimbursement
26 of providers under the Program. However, except for an invoice that must be
27 submitted to a Medicare intermediary or Medicare carrier for an individual who may

1 have both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, payment may not be made for an invoice
2 that is received more than 1 year after the dates of the services given.

3 15-105.1.

4 IF A PHARMACY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
5 ELECTRONICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 15-105(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THEN
6 THE PHARMACY MAY CHOOSE TO BE REIMBURSED ELECTRONICALLY, AND IN THAT
7 EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHARMACY ELECTRONICALLY
8 UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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