

benefit of the Program and be deposited to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund; altering certain eligibility requirements for the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program; establishing the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program; establishing the purpose, administration, operation, and eligibility requirements of the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program as part of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to take certain actions; requiring the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program to provide benefits to certain individuals; requiring the Secretary to adopt regulations to implement the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program; repealing the Maryland Pharmacy Discount Program; extending the termination date of the Senior Prescription Drug Program until a certain date; authorizing the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to automatically transfer certain enrollees of the Senior Prescription Drug Program into the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program; authorizing the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to automatically assign certain enrollees to a Medicare Part D plan under certain circumstances, and to extend certain benefits to certain enrollees until a certain date, subject to certain limitations; providing that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Medicare Option Prescription Drug Program be the payor of last resort and only cover certain costs; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide certain notice to the Department of Legislative Services; altering certain definitions; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to Maryland pharmacy programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 14-106(c), (d), and (e), 14-504(b) and (e), and 14-510 through 14-513

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 14-504(a), 14-514, and 14-515

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(d) and 15-124(a) and (e)

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(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Health - General