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E. Z. TAYLOR AND J. TAYLOR, MARCH 12, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 12, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 4, 1983 (P.L.217, No.63), entitled
2 "An act establishing a program of limited pharmaceutical
3 assistance for the elderly; granting powers to and imposing
4 duties on the Department of Aging; establishing a payment
5 system; making provisions for funding; providing for reports;
6 and fixing penalties for violations of the pharmaceutical
7 assistance program," further providing for the copayment for
8 prescriptions.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4(e)(5) of the act of November 4, 1983
12 (P.L.217, No.63), known as the Pharmaceutical Assistance
13 Contract for the Elderly Act, is amended to read:

14 Section 4. Responsibilities of Department of Aging.

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16 (e) Program criteria.--The program shall include the
17 following criteria:

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19 (5) The system established shall include a participant
20 copayment [schedule] of \$4 for each prescription. [for the

1 first year of the contract. The copayment shall increase or
2 decrease on the annual basis by the average percent change of
3 ingredient costs for all prescription drugs plus a
4 differential to raise the copayment to the next highest 25¢
5 increment. In addition, the department may approve a request
6 for increase or decrease in the level of copayment based upon
7 the financial experience and projections of the program and
8 after consultation with the Pharmaceutical Assistance Review
9 Board. The department is prohibited from approving
10 adjustments to the copayment on more than a semiannual
11 basis.]

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.