

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1244 Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY WESTON, APRIL 29, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 29, 1987

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 copayments.

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

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

13 Section 4. Responsibilities of Department of Aging.

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

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18 (5) The system established shall include a participant
19 copayment schedule of [\$4] \$3 for each prescription [for the
20 first year of the contract]. The copayment shall increase or

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

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.