

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1462 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY BLAUM, GEORGE, BUXTON, CURRY, GORDNER, GEIST,
VEON, LAUGHLIN, TIGUE, MUNDY, CARN, SCRIMENTI, BELARDI, COY,
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PLATTS, LEVDANSKY, TANGRETTI, McCALL, PETRARCA, C. WILLIAMS,
EACHUS, MYERS, SURRA, HALUSKA, BATTISTO, MELIO, CORPORA,
RAMOS, THOMAS, CIVERA, ITKIN, STEELMAN, SHANER, DeLUCA AND
ROONEY, MAY 6, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, MAY 6, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), entitled
2 "An act providing for a State Lottery and administration
3 thereof; authorizing the creation of a State Lottery
4 Commission; prescribing its powers and duties; disposition of
5 funds; violations and penalties therefor; exemption of prizes
6 from State and local taxation and making an appropriation,"
7 further providing for Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for
8 the Elderly Needs Enhancement.

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

11 Section 1. Section 519 of the act of August 26, 1971
12 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, added November
13 21, 1996 (P.L.741, No.134), is amended to read:

14 Section 519. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the
15 Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier.

16 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established within the
17 department a program to be known as the Pharmaceutical
18 Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier

1 (PACENET).

2 (b) PACENET eligibility.--A claimant with an annual income
3 of not less than \$14,000 and not more than \$16,000 in the case
4 of a single person and of not less than \$17,200 and not more
5 than \$19,200 in the case of the combined income of persons
6 married to each other shall be eligible for enhanced
7 pharmaceutical assistance under this section. A person may, in
8 reporting income to the department, round the amount of each
9 source of income and the income total to the nearest whole
10 dollar, whereby any amount which is less than 50¢ is eliminated.

11 (c) Deductible.--Upon enrollment in PACENET, eligible
12 claimants in the income ranges set forth in subsection (b) shall
13 be required to meet an annual deductible in unreimbursed
14 prescription drug expenses of [~~\$500~~] \$200 per person. To qualify
15 for the deductible set forth in this subsection the prescription
16 drug must be purchased for the use of the eligible claimant from
17 a provider as defined in this chapter. The department, after
18 consultation with the board, may approve an adjustment in the
19 deductible on an annual basis.

20 (d) Copayment.--For eligible claimants under this section,
21 the copayment schedule, which may be adjusted by the department
22 on an annual basis after consultation with the board, shall be:

23 (i) eight dollars for noninnovator multiple source
24 drugs as defined in section 702; or

25 (ii) fifteen dollars for single-source drugs and
26 innovator multiple-source drugs as defined in section
27 702.

28 Section 2. The amendment of section 519(c) of the act shall
29 apply to claims made on or after the effective date of this act.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.