

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2005 SESSION

## CHAPTER 24

*An Act to implement the federal Medicare Part D benefit and to convene a task force on prescription drug assistance for low-income Virginians.*

[S 841]

Approved March 20, 2005

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. § 1. Implementation of the Medicare Part D benefit.**

*A. The Board of Medical Assistance Services shall promulgate necessary regulations to implement the provisions of the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit that becomes effective January 1, 2006.*

*B. Upon the implementation of the Medicare Part D program, the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall convene a task force of public and private stakeholders to assist the Department in evaluating the Medicare Part D benefit and to make recommendations for enhancing, coordinating, and integrating the existing pharmacy assistance programs for low-income Virginians and the Medicare Part D benefit. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2006.*

**2. That the Board of Medical Assistance Services shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**