

HOUSE BILL 792

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Services for Postpartum**
3 **Women – Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide
5 dental services to postpartum women under certain circumstances; requiring
6 that certain dental services for postpartum women be included as a benefit
7 under a certain program under the Program; and generally relating to the
8 provision of dental services to postpartum women under the Maryland Medical
9 Assistance Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–103(a)(1) and (2)(ii) and (b)(1) and (2)(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xi) and (xii) and (b)(2)(v)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xiii)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 15–103.

5 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
6 Program.

7 (2) The Program:

8 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
9 comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women
10 whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by
11 the federal law;

12 (xi) May include bedside nursing care for eligible Program
13 recipients; [and]

14 (xii) Shall provide services in accordance with funding
15 restrictions included in the annual State budget bill; AND

16 **(XIII) SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS**
17 **OF THE STATE BUDGET, A DENTAL SERVICE TO AN ELIGIBLE POSTPARTUM**
18 **WOMAN IF THE SERVICE:**

19 **1. WAS INCLUDED IN A TREATMENT PLAN**
20 **DEVELOPED BY A DENTIST FOR THE WOMAN DURING PREGNANCY; AND**

21 **2. IS PROVIDED TO THE WOMAN WITHIN 90 DAYS**
22 **AFTER THE END OF THE PREGNANCY.**

23 (b) (1) As permitted by federal law or waiver, the Secretary may establish
24 a program under which Program recipients are required to enroll in managed care
25 organizations.

26 (2) (i) The benefits required by the program developed under
27 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be adopted by regulation and shall be equivalent
28 to the benefit level required by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program on January
29 1, 1996.

30 (v) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the
31 benefits required by the program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection
32 shall include [dental]:

- 1 **1. DENTAL services for pregnant women; AND**
2 **2. DENTAL SERVICES FOR POSTPARTUM WOMEN**
3 **THAT THE PROGRAM IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2)(XIII)**
4 **OF THIS SECTION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2014.