

# SENATE BILL 834

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By: **Senator Benson**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Provision of Residential Service**  
3 **Agency Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide services  
5 provided by a residential service agency that has a certain license and is accredited  
6 by the Joint Commission on Home Care; and generally relating to the Maryland  
7 Medical Assistance Program and the provision of residential service agency services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 15–103(a)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2019 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Health – General

20 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv)

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

25 **Article – Health – General**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 15-103.

2 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
3 Program.

4 (2) The Program:

5 (xiii) Beginning on January 1, 2019, may provide, subject to the  
6 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, dental services for adults  
7 whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level; [and]

8 (xiv) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,  
9 medically appropriate drugs that are approved by the United States Food and Drug  
10 Administration for the treatment of hepatitis C, regardless of the fibrosis score, and that  
11 are determined to be medically necessary; AND

12 (XV) **SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A RESIDENTIAL**  
13 **SERVICE AGENCY THAT:**

14 1. **HAS A LICENSE UNDER § 19-4A-04 OF THIS ARTICLE;**  
15 **AND**

16 2. **IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON**  
17 **HOME CARE.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2020.