

SENATE BILL 923

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By: **Senator Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Eligibility and Disenrollment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide certain
4 health care services for a pregnant Program recipient for a certain time period;
5 requiring the Department to develop certain written materials and provide the
6 materials to certain Program recipients at a certain time; requiring the Department
7 to adopt certain regulations; providing for a delayed effective date for certain
8 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility for and disenrollment from
9 the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–103(g)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(1) and (2)(i)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(ii)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Health – General**

2 15–103.

3 **(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP WRITTEN MATERIALS:**4 **(I) REGARDING HEALTH LITERACY TO HELP FACILITATE THE**
5 **DISENROLLMENT OF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM; AND**6 **(II) THAT ARE PROVIDED TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT AT THE**
7 **TIME OF DISENROLLMENT.**8 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ENSURING**
9 **CARE COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS ON THE DISENROLLMENT OF A**
10 **PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM.**11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
12 as follows:13 **Article – Health – General**

14 15–103.

15 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
16 Program.

17 (2) The Program:

18 (i) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, shall provide
19 medical and other health care services for indigent individuals or medically indigent
20 individuals or both;21 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
22 comprehensive medical and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women
23 whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level **FOR THE DURATION**
24 **OF THE PREGNANCY AND FOR 1 YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE**
25 **WOMAN’S PREGNANCY**, as permitted by the federal law;26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
27 effect January 1, 2022.28 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
29 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.