

# SENATE BILL 923

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By: **Senator Washington**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

5 ~~Article – Health – General~~

6 ~~15-103.~~

7 ~~(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP WRITTEN MATERIALS:~~

8 ~~(I) REGARDING HEALTH LITERACY TO HELP FACILITATE THE~~  
9 ~~DISENROLLMENT OF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM; AND~~

10 ~~(II) THAT ARE PROVIDED TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT AT THE~~  
11 ~~TIME OF DISENROLLMENT.~~

12 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ENSURING~~  
13 ~~CARE COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS ON THE DISENROLLMENT OF A~~  
14 ~~PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM.~~

15 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read~~  
16 ~~as follows:~~

17 ~~Article – Health – General~~

18 ~~15-103.~~

19 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
20 Program.

21 (2) The Program:

22 (i) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, shall provide  
23 medical and other health care services for indigent individuals or medically indigent  
24 individuals or both;

25 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,  
26 comprehensive medical, **DENTAL**, and other health care services for all eligible pregnant  
27 women whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level **FOR THE**  
28 **DURATION OF THE PREGNANCY AND FOR 1 YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE**  
29 **END OF THE WOMAN’S PREGNANCY**, as permitted by the federal law;

30 SECTION ~~2~~ **2**. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~Section 2 of~~ this Act shall  
31 take effect January 1, 2022.

1        ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section~~  
2 ~~3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.~~

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.