

SENATE BILL 932

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SB 1009/19 – FIN

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By: **Senator Benson**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2021

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage – Acupuncture Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a
4 certain limitation, to provide coverage for acupuncture services administered by
5 certain health care practitioners; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical
6 Assistance Program and coverage for acupuncture services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 15–103(a)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health – General

19 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xvii)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Health – General**

25 15–103.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) The Program:

4 (xv) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
5 mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the
6 patient's home setting; [and]

7 (xvi) Beginning on January 1, 2021, shall provide, subject to the
8 limitations of the State budget and § 15-855(b)(2) of the Insurance Article, and as permitted
9 by federal law, services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated
10 with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
11 including the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy, for eligible Program recipients,
12 if pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections
13 and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome are coded for billing and diagnosis
14 purposes in accordance with § 15-855(d) of the Insurance Article; AND

15 (XVII) SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF
16 THE STATE BUDGET, ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY A HEALTH CARE
17 PRACTITIONER WHO IS:

18 1. LICENSED UNDER TITLE 1A OF THE HEALTH
19 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; AND

20 2. OPERATING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE
21 PRACTITIONER.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2021.