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CHAPTER _____

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults**
- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning on a
4 certain date and subject to certain limitations, to provide certain dental ~~care~~ services
5 for certain adults; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation
6 of a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the
7 Program; and generally relating to dental ~~care~~ services under the Maryland Medical
8 Assistance Program.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 15–103(a)(2)(ii) and (xvii)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 15–103(a)(2)(x) and (xiii)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing

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 Article – Health – General
 2 Section 15–141
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Health – General**

8 15–103.

9 (a) (2) The Program:

10 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
 11 comprehensive medical, dental, and other health care services for all eligible pregnant
 12 women whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level for the duration
 13 of the pregnancy and for 1 year immediately following the end of the woman’s pregnancy,
 14 as permitted by the federal law;

15 (x) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted
 16 by federal law:

17 1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, **DENTAL**
 18 **CARE**, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th
 19 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise
 20 eligible for Program benefits; **AND**

21 2. May provide comprehensive medical care, **DENTAL CARE**,
 22 and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th
 23 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of any other state or the District of
 24 Columbia; [and

25 3. May provide comprehensive dental care for former foster
 26 care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility
 27 of the State;]

28 (xiii) 1. Beginning on January 1, 2019, may provide, subject to the
 29 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, dental services for adults
 30 whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level; **AND**

31 2. **BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, SHALL PROVIDE,**
 32 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY**
 33 **FEDERAL LAW, ~~COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING DIAGNOSTIC,~~**
 34 **PREVENTIVE, RESTORATIVE, AND PERIODONTAL SERVICES, FOR ADULTS WHOSE**

1 ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 133 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL
2 POVERTY LEVEL;

3 (xvii) Beginning on January 1, 2022, may not include, subject to federal
4 approval and limitations of the State budget, a frequency limitation on covered dental
5 prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral
6 health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

7 [15–141.

8 (a) On or before September 1, 2018, the Department shall apply to the Centers
9 for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the State’s § 1115 HealthChoice
10 Demonstration waiver to implement a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to
11 adult Program recipients.

12 (b) If the amendment is approved under subsection (a) of this section, the
13 Department shall administer the pilot program.

14 (c) The Department may limit:

15 (1) Participation in the pilot program to Program recipients who are:

16 (i) Dually eligible for health care coverage under both the Program
17 and Medicare and for whom the Department may obtain federal matching funds; and

18 (ii) Of a certain age;

19 (2) The total number of participants in the pilot program; and

20 (3) Operation of the pilot program to certain geographic regions of the
21 State.]

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 January 1, 2023.