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By: **Delegate Cullison**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 for
5 certain adults; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation of a
6 pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the
7 Program; and generally relating to dental care 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
20 Article – Health – General
21 Section 15–141
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
25 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 (a) (2) The Program:

4 (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,
5 comprehensive medical, dental, and other health care services for all eligible pregnant
6 women whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level for the duration
7 of the pregnancy and for 1 year immediately following the end of the woman’s pregnancy,
8 as permitted by the federal law;9 (x) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted
10 by federal law:11 1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, **DENTAL**
12 **CARE**, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th
13 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise
14 eligible for Program benefits; **AND**15 2. May provide comprehensive medical care, **DENTAL CARE**,
16 and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th
17 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of any other state or the District of
18 Columbia; [and19 3. May provide comprehensive dental care for former foster
20 care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility
21 of the State;]22 (xiii) 1. Beginning on January 1, 2019, may provide, subject to the
23 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, dental services for adults
24 whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level; **AND**25 2. **BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, SHALL PROVIDE,**
26 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY**
27 **FEDERAL LAW, COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE FOR ADULTS WHOSE ANNUAL**
28 **HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 133 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY**
29 **LEVEL;**30 (xvii) Beginning on January 1, 2022, may not include, subject to federal
31 approval and limitations of the State budget, a frequency limitation on covered dental
32 prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral
33 health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

34 [15–141.

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

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

7 (c) The Department may limit:

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

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

11 (ii) Of a certain age;

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

13 (3) Operation of the pilot program to certain geographic regions of the
14 State.]

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