

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 1403 – *Maryland Department of Health – Waiver Programs – Waitlist and Registry Reduction (End the Wait Act)*.

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health to develop plans to reduce the waitlists for seven specified waiver programs by 50%, beginning in fiscal 2024; and to develop a plan to reduce the registry for the Autism Waiver that includes conducting eligibility determinations of individuals on the registry and, beginning in fiscal 2024, providing services to at least 50% of individuals determined eligible.

Senate Bill 636, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1403.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor