

SENATE BILL 622

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicaid Waiver Programs – Waitlist and Registry Reduction**
3 **(End the Wait Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain Medicaid funding to be used to provide community
5 services to individuals waiting for services through certain waiver programs;
6 authorizing certain Medicaid funding to be used for ~~hiring and retaining providers~~
7 expanding provider capacity in certain waiver programs; altering the uses of certain
8 funding appropriated to the Dedicated Purpose Account in the fiscal year 2023
9 budget bill; and generally relating to Medicaid waiver programs.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–150
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Chapter 484 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022
17 Supplemental Budget No. 5, Item 14

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

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 15–150.

2 (a) (1) (i) The Department shall develop plans to reduce the waitlists for
3 the following waiver programs by 50%, beginning in fiscal year 2024:

- 4 1. The Community Pathways Waiver;
- 5 2. The Community Supports Waiver;
- 6 3. The Family Supports Waiver;
- 7 4. The Brain Injury Waiver;
- 8 5. The Home– and Community–Based Options Waiver;
- 9 6. The Medical Day Care Services Waiver; and
- 10 7. The Model Waiver for Medically Fragile Children.

11 (ii) The Department shall develop a plan to reduce the registry for
12 the Autism Waiver that includes conducting eligibility determinations of individuals on the
13 registry and, beginning in fiscal year 2024, providing services to at least 50% of individuals
14 determined eligible.

15 (2) The plans required under this subsection shall include:

16 (i) An assessment of whether each waiver program needs to recruit
17 and retain new providers;

18 (ii) Measures to recruit and retain providers for each waiver
19 program to expand the capacity of the programs;

20 (iii) Any changes in reimbursement rates needed to ensure provider
21 capacity to provide services under the waiver programs;

22 (iv) The expected time frame for conducting eligibility
23 determinations for the Autism Waiver;

24 (v) The expected time frame for reducing the waitlist or registry for
25 each waiver program by 50%; and

26 (vi) The projected cost of the measures to be implemented under the
27 plans.

28 (3) Provisions of the plans relating to the Autism Waiver shall be developed
29 in conjunction with the Maryland State Department of Education.

(b) On or before January 1, 2023, the Department shall submit the plans to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the chairs of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

(c) (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill sufficient funds to carry out this section.

(2) FUNDING INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING AND RETAINING PROVIDERS.

Chapter 484 of the Acts of 2022
Supplemental Budget No. 5

14. Y01A02.01 Dedicated Purpose Account

In addition to the appropriation shown on page 135 of the printed bill (first reading file bill), to provide funding to support legislative operating budget priorities. Following Legislative Policy Committee review, the Department of Budget and Management shall process a budget amendment effective July 1, 2022 transferring most of the funds listed below to the appropriate budgeted programs.

(1)	Apprenticeships	25,000,000
(2)	[Autism Waiver Expansions] MEDICAID WAIVER EXPANSIONS	30,000,000
(3)	New Unified Financial Aid System for Higher Education	8,000,000
(4)	M00A01.01 Hospital Assistance/Workforce Support	50,000,000
(5)	T00G00.02 Tourism Grants	10,000,000
(6)	T00G00.05 Arts Grants	40,000,000
(7)	N00G00.08 Additional Benefit – Temporary Cash Assistance and Temporary Disability Assistance Program	35,000,000
(8)	M00A01.01 Assisted Living Facilities	20,000,000
(9)	M00A01.01 Assistance to Nursing Homes	20,000,000

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1	(10)	T00F00.29	Western Maryland Economic Future Investment	
2	Program	20,000,000	
3	(11)	D40W01.12	Historic Revitalization Tax Credit	10,000,000
4	(12)	R75T00.01	Implement Strategic Plan for the Universities at Shady	
5	Grove	.....	5,000,000	
6	(13)	R00A01.01	Bonus – Noncertificated Education Support	
7	Professionals	.....	8,000,000	
8	(14)	T00F00.15	Small, Minority, Women–Owned Businesses Account for	
9	Fund Managers	.....	4,000,000	
10	(15)	M00A01.01	Pediatric Cancer Research	5,000,000
11	(16)	D15A05.05	Expand Maryland Corps Program	5,000,000
12	(17)	M00F02.01	Loan Assistance Repayment Programs for Physicians and	
13	Physicians Assistants	.....	3,000,000	
14	(18)	R62I00.54	Loan Assistance Repayment Programs for Nurses and	
15	Nurses Assistants	.....	1,000,000	
16	(19)	R00A02.07	Non–Public Special Education School Teacher	
17	Salaries	.....	4,000,000	
18	(20)	M00F03.04	Enhanced Alzheimer’s Services and Research	3,500,000
19	(21)	W00A01.03	Establish Maryland State Police Gun Center	3,400,000
20	(22)	D21A01.04	Grants to Violence Prevention and Interruption	
21	Organizations	.....	2,500,000	
22	(23)	R62I00	Formerly Incarcerated Youth Grant Program	1,200,000
23	(24)	S00A24.02	Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative	1,040,000
24	(25)	S00A24.02	National Capital Strategic Economic Development	
25	Fund	.....	1,000,000	
26	(26)	D38I01.02	State Board of Elections Public Communications for General	
27	Election	.....	500,000	
28	(27)	C00A00.06	Prosecutorial Transparency Reporting	600,000
29	(28)	D05E01.11	State Center Redevelopment Plan	500,000

1	(29)	Q00C02.01 Parole & Probation review murders of offenders under	
2		supervision	323,000
3	(30)	T00F00.04 Maryland New Start Act	175,000
4	(31)	A15O00.01 Disparity Grant Funding	15,368,715
5	(32)	J00A01.03 Street and Sidewalk Improvements to Comply with	
6		Americans with Disabilities Act – Baltimore City	10,000,000
7	(33)	W00A01.02 Grants to Police Departments to Acquire License Plate	
8		Readers	5,000,000
9	(34)	E50C00.08 Homeowner Protection Fund	1,300,000
10	(35)	R00A02.13 Learning in Extended Academic Programs	
11		(LEAP)	4,500,000
12	(36)	D21A02.01 Local Management Boards	1,500,000
13	(37)	D21A01.01 Grants to Domestic Violence Centers	3,000,000
14	(38)	M00L01.02 Operating Grant to Center for Neuroscience of Social	
15		Injustice at the Kennedy Krieger Institute	2,250,000
16	(39)	M00L01.02 Greater Baltimore Regional Integrated Crisis	
17		System	2,000,000
18	(40)	M00A01.01 Grant to Children’s National Hospital	1,500,000
19	(41)	R00A03.01 Funds to Initiate Maryland School for the Blind Pay	
20		Plan	1,200,000
21	(42)	D21A01.01 Grants to Police Departments to Coordinate Task Forces	
22		that Cross Jurisdictional Boundaries	1,000,000
23	(43)	V00E01.01 Grant to ROCA for Operations Outside	
24		Baltimore City	1,000,000
25	(44)	M00F01.01 Grant to Vision for Baltimore	1,000,000
26	(45)	R00A02.13 Operating Grant to Thread	750,000
27	(46)	R75T00.01 Grant to the University of Baltimore’s Schaefer Center for	
28		Public Policy	575,102

1	(47)	L00A01.02 Pride of Baltimore	300,000
2	(48)	R75T00.01 Bowie State University	50,000
3		Object. 12 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	370,031,817

4 General Fund Appropriation, provided that no less than \$317,031,817 of this
5 appropriation shall be transferred by budget amendment by July 1, 2022, in accordance
6 with the programs and funding amounts allocated in the purpose detail of this
7 supplemental appropriation. Funds for apprenticeships and development of a new unified
8 financial aid system for higher education along with \$20,000,000 of the funds for expansion
9 of the autism waiver shall be transferred when agencies incur related expenses.

10 Further provided that no more than \$250,000 of the appropriation made for
11 apprenticeships shall be used to support fiscal 2023 administrative costs associated with
12 public safety, transportation, health care, and higher education apprenticeship workgroups
13 operated by the Maryland Department of Labor.

14 Further provided that at least \$10,000,000 of the appropriation made for [autism
15 waiver expansions] **MEDICAID WAIVER EXPANSIONS** shall be transferred by budget
16 amendment in fiscal 2023 to program R00A02.07 Students with Disabilities. It is the
17 intention of the legislature that the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland
18 State Department of Education shall apply to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
19 for an addendum to expand the current waiver by 1,350 slots. **THE REMAINING FUNDING**
20 **OF THE APPROPRIATION MADE FOR MEDICAID WAIVER EXPANSIONS ~~MAY BE USED~~**
21 **~~FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING AND RETAINING PROVIDERS~~ SHALL BE USED TO**
22 **PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WAITING FOR SERVICES THROUGH**
23 **THE COMMUNITY PATHWAYS WAIVER, THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WAIVER, THE**
24 **FAMILY SUPPORTS WAIVER, THE BRAIN INJURY WAIVER, THE HOME- AND**
25 **COMMUNITY-BASED OPTIONS WAIVER, THE MEDICAL DAY CARE SERVICES**
26 **WAIVER, AND THE MODEL WAIVER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN. A**
27 **PORTION OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING**
28 **PROVIDER CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITY PATHWAYS WAIVER, THE COMMUNITY**
29 **SUPPORTS WAIVER, THE FAMILY SUPPORTS WAIVER, THE BRAIN INJURY WAIVER,**
30 **THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED OPTIONS WAIVER, THE MEDICAL DAY CARE**
31 **SERVICES WAIVER, THE MODEL WAIVER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN,**
32 **AND THE AUTISM WAIVER, INCLUDING HIRING AND RETAINING STAFF AND**
33 **PROVIDERS, INCREASING PROVIDER RATES, AND ADDRESSING OTHER ISSUES THAT**
34 **LIMIT PROVIDER CAPACITY.**

35 Further provided that the \$50,000,000 appropriation made for program M00A01.01
36 Executive Direction for the purpose of hospital assistance/workforce support shall be
37 allocated to acute and psychiatric care hospitals based on a plan developed by the Health
38 Services Cost Review Commission.

1 Further provided that the \$40,000,000 appropriation made for program T00G00.05
2 Maryland State Arts Council for the purpose of supporting Arts Grants shall be allocated
3 by the Maryland State Arts Council and can include, but should not be limited to, entities
4 traditionally funded by the council. The funds shall not be included in the fiscal 2024
5 calculation of Arts Council formula funding.

6 Further provided that the \$35,000,000 appropriation made for program N00G00.08
7 Assistance Payments shall be used to provide a \$45 per recipient per month additional
8 benefit for Temporary Cash Assistance and Temporary Disability Assistance Program
9 recipients.

10 Further provided that the \$20,000,000 appropriation made for program T00F00.29
11 Rural Maryland Economic Development shall be used to provide a grant to the Western
12 Maryland Economic Future Investment Board for the Western Maryland Economic Future
13 Investment Fund to be used for grants and loans for capital infrastructure projects and
14 business development projects that improve economic conditions in the region and expenses
15 necessary to administer the grants and loans contingent upon enactment of SB 474 or HB
16 838 establishing the fund.

17 Further provided that the \$10,000,000 appropriation made for program D40W01.12
18 Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit shall be used to provide continued and
19 expanded funding for the Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program.

20 Further provided that the \$8,000,000 appropriation made for program R00A01.01
21 Office of the State Superintendent shall be used to provide noncertificated education
22 support professionals with a \$500 bonus.

23 Further provided that the \$4,000,000 appropriation made for program T00F00.15
24 Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account shall be split equally among the
25 fund managers.

26 Further provided that the \$5,000,000 appropriation made for program M00A01.01
27 Executive Direction to provide pediatric cancer research grants shall be contingent upon
28 enactment of SB51 or HB775 establishing the Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund.

29 Further provided that the \$1,000,000 appropriation made for program R62I00.54 to
30 fund Loan Assistance Repayment Programs For Nurses and Nursing Assistants shall be
31 transferred, contingent upon the enactment of SB 696 or HB 975 establishing the program
32 within the Maryland Department of Health, instead to program M00F02.01 Office of
33 Population Health Improvement for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program
34 for Nurses and Nursing Workers.

35 Further provided that the \$3,500,000 appropriation made for program M00F03.04
36 Family Health and Chronic Disease services to provide funding for enhanced Alzheimer's
37 services and research shall be expended in a manner consistent with the implementation
38 of the recommendations of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Council.

1 Further provided that the \$3,400,000 appropriation made for program W00A01.03
2 Criminal Investigation Bureau to establish the Maryland State Police Gun Center within
3 the Department of State Police shall be contingent upon the enactment of SB 861.

4 Further provided that the \$1,200,000 appropriation made for program R62I00 to
5 fund the Formerly Incarcerated Youth Grant Program, providing such students who receive
6 Pell Grants with an additional grant award of up to \$3,000, shall be contingent upon
7 enactment of SB 904.

8 Further provided that \$40,000 of the appropriation made for program S00A24.02
9 Neighborhood Revitalization – Capital for the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative
10 may be expended only for a grant to Southeast Community Development Corporation.

11 Further provided that the \$600,000 appropriation made for program C00A00.06
12 Administrative Office of the Courts shall be contingent upon enactment of SB 763 or HB
13 1429.

14 Further provided that the \$500,000 appropriation made for program D05E01.11
15 Miscellaneous Grants to Local Governments may only be expended to provide a grant to
16 the Baltimore City Department of Planning for the creation of a redevelopment plan for
17 State Center.

18 Further provided that the \$323,000 appropriation made for program Q00C02.01
19 Division of Parole and Probation – Support Services may only be used to support new
20 personnel assigned to examine and review murders involving offenders who are supervised
21 by the division. Further provided that by December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
22 division must report to the budget committees, along with the Senate Judicial Proceedings
23 Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, on (1) agency activities intended to reduce
24 the number of murders involving supervised offenders; (2) actions taken to examine and
25 review murders, including policy and program recommendations made to the Secretary;
26 and (3) the number of supervised offenders who were shooting victims, homicide victims,
27 or charged with or identified as suspects in specified crimes.

28 Further provided that the \$175,000 appropriation made for program T00F00.04
29 Office of Business Development may only be expended to fund operating expenses
30 associated with establishing the Maryland New Start Grant Program and Maryland New
31 Start Microloan Program contingent upon enactment of SB 554 or HB 158.

32 Further provided that the \$15,368,715 appropriation made for program A15O00.01
33 Disparity Grants may only be expended to provide supplemental funding allocated in the
34 following amounts:

35 (a) \$11,316,425 to Baltimore City;

36 (b) \$726,821 to Caroline County;

37 (c) \$1,386,458 to Cecil County;

1 (d) \$819,998 to Somerset County; and

2 (e) \$1,119,013 to Wicomico County.

3 Further provided that the \$1,000,000 appropriation made for program M00F01.01
4 Executive Direction may only be expended to provide a grant to the Baltimore City Health
5 Department for the Vision for Baltimore program.

6 Further provided that the \$500,000 appropriation made for the Pride of Baltimore
7 may only be transferred by budget amendment in fiscal 2023 to program J00A01.02
8 Operating Grants-in-Aid to provide a Secretary’s grant to the Pride of Baltimore.

9 Further provided that the \$50,000 appropriation made for program R75T00.01
10 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education may only be expended to
11 provide funding to Bowie State University (R30B23) for a project specialist to staff the
12 Maryland Truth and Reconciliation Commission370,031,817

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
14 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.