

SENATE BILL 678

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CF HB 1151

By: **Senator Beidle**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Reimbursement for Services Rendered by a Pharmacist**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland
4 Children’s Health Program, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for all services rendered by a
6 licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist’s lawful scope of practice, rather than
7 only certain services, to the same extent as services rendered by any other health
8 care practitioner; and generally relating to reimbursement for health care services
9 provided by a pharmacist.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–148
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–151
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Insurance
22 Section 15–716

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 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 15–148.

7 (a) Except for a drug or device for which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
8 has issued a black box warning, the Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program
9 may not apply a prior authorization requirement for a contraceptive drug or device that is:

10 (1) (i) An intrauterine device; or

11 (ii) An implantable rod;

12 (2) Approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and

13 (3) Obtained under a prescription written by an authorized prescriber.

14 (b) The Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program shall provide
15 coverage for a single dispensing to an enrollee of a supply of prescription contraceptives for
16 a 12–month period.

17 [(c) The Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program shall provide
18 coverage for services, to the same extent as services rendered by any other licensed health
19 care practitioner, rendered to an enrollee by a licensed pharmacist under:

20 (1) § 12–509 of the Health Occupations Article in administering
21 self-administered medications, maintenance injectable medications, or injectable
22 medications for treatment of sexually transmitted infections; or

23 (2) § 12–511 of the Health Occupations Article in screening an enrollee and
24 prescribing contraceptives for the enrollee.]

25 **15–151.**

26 **(A) THE PROGRAM AND THE MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM**
27 **SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO AN ENROLLEE BY A**
28 **LICENSED PHARMACIST ACTING WITHIN THE PHARMACIST’S LAWFUL SCOPE OF**
29 **PRACTICE TO THE SAME EXTENT AS SERVICES RENDERED BY ANY OTHER LICENSED**
30 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.**

1 SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.