

# SENATE BILL 418

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services**  
3 **– Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services  
5 provided to certain individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity  
6 Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration;  
7 and generally relating to the funding cap on low intensity support services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 7–717  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 7–717.

17 (a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program  
18 designed to:

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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 (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an  
2 adult with developmental disability living in the home; or

3 (ii) Support an adult with developmental disability living in the  
4 community.

5 (2) "Low intensity support services" includes the services and items  
6 listed in §§ 7-701(d) and 7-706(c) of this subtitle.

7 (b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the  
8 Administration.

9 (c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of  
10 individuals or families.

11 (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than **[\$3,000]**  
12 **\$2,000** of low intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying  
13 individual.

14 (2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support  
15 services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

16 (e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not  
17 required to:

18 (i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in §  
19 7-403 of this title; or

20 (ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program  
21 if the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.

22 (2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for  
23 low intensity support services.

24 (f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking  
25 low intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds  
26 provided by the Administration.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 ~~October~~ July 1, 2014.