

# SENATE BILL 252

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SB 141/15 – FIN

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CF HB 511

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By: **Senators Pugh, Astle, Benson, Feldman, Kagan, Kelley, Madaleno, Manno, ~~and Middleton~~ Middleton, Hershey, Jennings, Klausmeier, Mathias, and Reilly**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Former Foster Care**  
3 **Adolescents – Dental Care**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program,  
5 subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to  
6 provide dental care for certain former foster care adolescents; requiring the  
7 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the Centers for Medicare and  
8 Medicaid Services for a certain waiver; and generally relating to dental care services  
9 provided by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to former foster care  
10 adolescents.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 15–103(a)(1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2015 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Health – General  
18 Section 15–103(a)(2)(x)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 15–103.

5 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
6 Program.

7 (2) The Program:

8 (x) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted  
9 by federal law:

10 1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, ~~DENTAL~~  
11 ~~CARE~~, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th  
12 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise  
13 eligible for Program benefits; ~~and~~

14 2. May provide comprehensive medical care and other health  
15 care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster  
16 care under the responsibility of any other state or the District of Columbia; AND

17 **3. MAY PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE FOR**  
18 **FORMER FOSTER CARE ADOLESCENTS WHO, ON THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY, WERE IN**  
19 **FOSTER CARE UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE;**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2016,  
21 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and  
22 Medicaid Services for a waiver to provide comprehensive dental care under the Maryland  
23 Medical Assistance Program for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday,  
24 were in foster care under the responsibility of the State.

25 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 ~~October~~ July 1, 2016.