

Chapter 57

(Senate Bill 252)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

**Article – Health – General**

15–103.

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

(2) The Program:

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

1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, ~~DENTAL CARE~~, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th

birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise eligible for Program benefits; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.**