

Chapter 412

(Senate Bill 220)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage of Dental Services – Repeal of Contingency

FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law that made the effectiveness of a certain provision of law authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to certain adults contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition making a certain determination; making a conforming change; and generally relating to coverage of dental services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(1) and (2)(xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing
Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
Section 4

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:

(xiii) Beginning on January 1, 2019, may provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, dental services for adults whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level.

[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Section 2 of this Act is contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition determining, as part of the findings of the study authorized under Section 1(a) of this Act, that it is advisable to expand the benefits provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to include dental services for adults whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level.

(b) If the report authorized under Section 1(c)(1) of this Act does not include the finding described in subsection (a) of this section, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.]

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[, subject to Section 3 of this Act,] this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.