

# SENATE BILL 323

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By: **Senator Augustine**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Prior Authorization for Drug Products**  
3 **to Treat an Opioid Use Disorder – Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from applying  
5 a prior authorization requirement for certain drug products when used to treat an  
6 opioid use disorder; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance  
7 Program and the coverage of drug products.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 15–150

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **15–150.**

17 **THE PROGRAM MAY NOT APPLY A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR**  
18 **A PRESCRIPTION DRUG:**

19 **(1) WHEN USED FOR TREATMENT OF AN OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND**

20 **(2) THAT CONTAINS METHADONE, BUPRENORPHINE, OR**  
21 **NALTREXONE.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 October 1, 2022.