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By: **Senator Feldman**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elderly Individuals – Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day**
3 **Health Care Services Pilot Program and Task Force**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day
5 Health Care Services Pilot Program in Howard County and Montgomery County to
6 integrate the provision of medical adult day care services, home health care services,
7 and medical services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;
8 authorizing Howard County and Montgomery County to jointly authorize the
9 operation of one or more integrator entities to coordinate services provided under the
10 pilot program; establishing the Task Force on the Howard County and Montgomery
11 County Adult Day Health Care Services Pilot Program; and generally relating to the
12 Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day Health Care Services Pilot
13 Program and Task Force.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 14–201
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Health – General
21 Section 14–2A–01 through 14–2A–03 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A.
22 Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day Health Care Services
23 Pilot Program and Task Force”

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 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

3 Preamble

4 WHEREAS, Demographic changes in the State have increased the need to identify,
5 deliver, and manage health care in cost-effective ways; and

6 WHEREAS, Medical adult day care is a structured group program that provides
7 health, social, and related support services to functionally disabled adults; and

8 WHEREAS, Medical adult day care programs are provided to individuals who may
9 also access home health care and medical services programs; and

10 WHEREAS, The delivery of medical adult day care, home health care, and medical
11 care is fragmented and uncoordinated; and

12 WHEREAS, A majority of the cost of reimbursing these services is borne by the
13 Maryland Medical Assistance Program, including services provided by managed care
14 organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the last decade the number of individuals aged 65 and older has
16 grown by 33% in the State, creating an increased demand to meet the unique care needs of
17 this population; and

18 WHEREAS, In surveys of seniors, 90% of the respondents have indicated a desire to
19 age in their homes (“age in place”); and

20 WHEREAS, There is an increasing focus on addressing social determinants of health
21 as studies have shown that 80% of an individual’s overall health is tied to nonmedical
22 factors and that social isolation and loneliness impact 43% of seniors; and

23 WHEREAS, An integrated and flexible hybrid model for medical adult day care,
24 home health care, and medical care would allow for active and ongoing assessment of the
25 health needs of the senior population using these services and maintain engagement by
26 individuals in their own health care needs; and

27 WHEREAS, Improved continuity of care would enable seniors to stay in their homes
28 and in the community and defer higher levels of care, keeping them out of nursing homes
29 and other acute care settings; now, therefore,

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

32 **Article – Health – General**

33 14–201.

- 1 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 2 (b) “Day care center for the elderly” means a place that:
- 3 (1) Is operated to provide, with or without charge, care for elderly
4 individuals; and
- 5 (2) Either is:
- 6 (i) Designated for group care for at least 4 elderly individuals; or
- 7 (ii) A family home that provides care for 2 or 3 elderly individuals.
- 8 (c) “Elderly individual” means an individual who:
- 9 (1) Is 55 years old or older;
- 10 (2) Lives alone or with a spouse, family relative, or friend;
- 11 (3) Needs temporary supervision and care during a part of a day in a
12 protective group setting; and
- 13 (4) Has a disability that is:
- 14 (i) A reasonably static physical impairment that prevents:
- 15 1. Gainful employment; or
- 16 2. The accomplishment of the routine of normal daily
17 activities without assistance; or
- 18 (ii) A permanent or recurrent mental impairment.

19 **SUBTITLE 2A. HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADULT DAY**
20 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE.**

21 **14-2A-01.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
23 **INDICATED.**

24 **(B) “ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-201 OF THIS**
25 **TITLE.**

26 **(C) “INTEGRATOR” MEANS AN ENTITY THAT:**

1 **(1) ORGANIZES A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED MEDICAL**
2 **ADULT DAY CARE PROVIDERS, HOME HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND OTHER**
3 **PROVIDERS AND ENTITIES TO COORDINATE TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED SERVICES**
4 **UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND**

5 **(2) IS LICENSED IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE OF THE**
6 **SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 **(D) “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY**
8 **COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.**

9 **(E) “TASK FORCE” MEANS THE TASK FORCE ON THE HOWARD COUNTY AND**
10 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.**

11 **14-2A-02.**

12 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY**
13 **COUNTY.**

14 **(B) (1) THERE IS A HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
15 **ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.**

16 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO INTEGRATE THE**
17 **PROVISION OF MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES, HOME HEALTH CARE**
18 **SERVICES, AND MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL**
19 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

20 **(C) PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO ELDERLY**
21 **INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE:**

22 **(1) RESIDENTS OF HOWARD COUNTY OR MONTGOMERY COUNTY;**
23 **AND**

24 **(2) RECEIVING MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES, HOME HEALTH**
25 **CARE SERVICES, OR MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE MARYLAND**
26 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INCLUDING MEDICAL SERVICES THAT ARE**
27 **OFFERED BY A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION.**

28 **(D) SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE,**
29 **WHEN APPLICABLE:**

1 **(1) AN EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF EACH PILOT PROGRAM**
2 **PARTICIPANT BY A LICENSED NURSE TO COMPLETE AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE**
3 **PLAN FOR THE PARTICIPANT;**

4 **(2) THE PROVISION OF REMOTE SERVICES TO THE PARTICIPANT,**
5 **USING AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE WITH VIDEO CONFERENCING CAPABILITY ISSUED TO**
6 **THE PARTICIPANT TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION WITH PROVIDERS;**

7 **(3) THE CREATION OF A MEDICATION STRATEGY FOR THE**
8 **PARTICIPANT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE EVALUATION AND MONITORING**
9 **OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS;**

10 **(4) A PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT TO ASSIST**
11 **PARTICIPANTS IN REDUCING LONELINESS AND DEPRESSION AND TO DEVELOP A**
12 **SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS;**

13 **(5) COORDINATION OF MEDICAL CARE AND OTHER SERVICES**
14 **ORDERED BY A PHYSICIAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO LIVE**
15 **SAFELY IN THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT;**

16 **(6) THE PROVISION OF BASIC HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES TO ASSIST**
17 **PARTICIPANTS IN DAILY ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE CHALLENGING; AND**

18 **(7) THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF MEALS.**

19 **(E) (1) HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY JOINTLY MAY**
20 **DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF ONE OR MORE ENTITIES TO SERVE**
21 **AS AN INTEGRATOR IN HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

22 **(2) AN INTEGRATOR SHALL BE LICENSED IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE**
23 **AT LEAST ONE OF THE SERVICES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

24 **(F) IN CONSULTATION WITH HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY**
25 **COUNTY, AN INTEGRATOR SHALL COORDINATE ALL SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER**
26 **THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

27 **14-2A-03.**

28 **(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON THE HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY**
29 **COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.**

30 **(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

1 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

3 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE
4 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

5 (3) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
6 DESIGNATED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

7 (4) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY
8 GOVERNMENT, DESIGNATED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

9 (5) THE SECRETARY OF AGING, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

10 (6) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

11 (7) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

12 (I) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION
13 OF ADULT DAY SERVICES;

14 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOME HEALTH CARE
15 INDUSTRY; ~~AND~~

16 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MANAGED
17 CARE ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION; AND

18 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GREATER MARYLAND AND
19 THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTERS OF THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION.

20 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE.

21 (D) HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY JOINTLY SHALL
22 PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

23 (E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:

24 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK
25 FORCE; BUT

26 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
27 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

28 (F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

1 **(1) EXAMINE THE STATUS OF MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE IN THE**
2 **STATE, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF HOME HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL**
3 **SERVICES TO ENROLLEES IN MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAMS;**

4 **(2) REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE LIST OF REQUIRED SERVICES**
5 **PROVIDED UNDER § 14-2A-02(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

6 **(3) REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF PROVIDING SERVICES**
7 **USING AN INTEGRATOR;**

8 **(4) IDENTIFY AND MEASURE ANY ENHANCED CONTINUITY OF CARE,**
9 **USING THE INTEGRATOR MODEL, THAT WOULD ALLOW ENROLLEES TO REMAIN IN**
10 **THEIR HOMES AND THE COMMUNITY, DEFER TREATMENT IN HIGHER LEVELS OF**
11 **CARE SUCH AS NURSING HOMES, AND REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF TREATMENT IN**
12 **ACUTE CARE SETTINGS;**

13 **(5) IDENTIFY AND MEASURE ANY REDUCTION IN UNNECESSARY**
14 **UTILIZATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BY ENROLLEES; ~~AND~~**

15 **(6) IDENTIFY AND COMPARE DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES**
16 **BETWEEN THE PILOT PROGRAM, USING THE INTEGRATOR MODEL, AND THE**
17 **FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE OF THE ELDERLY (PACE),**
18 **INCLUDING DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES IN THE POPULATIONS SERVED;**

19 ~~**(6)**~~ **(7) IDENTIFY AND MEASURE OTHER POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF**
20 **THE INTEGRATOR MODEL, SUCH AS GREATER SOCIAL INTERACTION, ADDITIONAL**
21 **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, AVOIDANCE OF FOOD INSECURITY, AND MONITORING**
22 **THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS; AND**

23 **(8) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION**
24 **OF THE PILOT PROGRAM ON A STATEWIDE BASIS.**

25 **(G) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE TASK FORCE SHALL**
26 **REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
27 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
28 **ASSEMBLY.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of
31 December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
32 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.