

SENATE BILL 757

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By: **Senator Madden**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Children with Special Needs -**
3 **Enrollment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental
5 Hygiene to permit a child with special health care needs to enroll either in a
6 managed care organization or in the Rare and Expensive Case Management
7 Program; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 15-101(a-1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Health - General
15 Section 15-101(a-1) and (a-2) and 15-103(b)(4)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 15-101.

22 (A-1) "CHILD WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
23 YOUNGER THAN 21 YEARS, REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS, SUFFERING FROM A
24 MODERATE TO SEVERE CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION.

25 [(a-1)] (A-2) "Dental managed care organization" means a pre-paid dental
26 plan that receives fees to manage dental services.

1 [(a-2)] (A-3) "Dental services" means diagnostic, emergency, preventive, and
2 therapeutic services for oral diseases.

3 15-103.

4 (b) (4) (i) The Secretary may exclude specific populations or services from
5 the program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

6 (ii) For any populations or services excluded under this paragraph,
7 the Secretary may authorize a managed care organization, to provide the services or
8 provide for the population, including authorization of a separate dental managed care
9 organization or a managed care organization to provide services to Program
10 recipients with special needs.

11 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF THIS
12 PARAGRAPH, THE SECRETARY SHALL PERMIT A CHILD WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE
13 NEEDS TO ENROLL EITHER IN A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION OR IN THE RARE
14 AND EXPENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 1999.