
By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicaid State Plan and Medical Assistance Program - Amendments and**
3 **Waiver Applications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 publish in the Maryland Register notice of amendments to the Medicaid State
6 Plan or Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Department to submit
7 applications for a Medical Assistance Program waiver or modification to an
8 existing Medical Assistance Program waiver or amendments to the Medicaid
9 State Plan or Medical Assistance Program to the Medicaid Advisory Committee
10 for a certain purpose; requiring the Department to make amendments to the
11 Medicaid State Plan or Medical Assistance Program available to the public and
12 to provide an opportunity for public comment on the amendments; and generally
13 relating to the Medicaid State Plan and the Medical Assistance Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Health - General
16 Section 15-134
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 15-134.

23 (a) If the Department applies for a Medical Assistance Program waiver or
24 modifies or amends an existing Medical Assistance Program waiver OR AMENDS THE
25 MEDICAID STATE PLAN OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, the Department shall
26 give notice of the application OR AMENDMENT by [publication]:

27 (1) PUBLICATION in the Maryland Register; AND

1 (2) SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE
2 MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AT A MEDICAID ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE MEETING.

4 (b) For 30 days following publication of any notice published under subsection
5 (a) of this section, the Department shall:

6 (1) Make the Medical Assistance Program waiver application OR
7 AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
8 available to the public during business hours; and

9 (2) Provide an opportunity to receive public comments on the Medical
10 Assistance Program waiver application OR AMENDMENT TO THE MEDICAID STATE
11 PLAN OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2006.