

SENATE BILL 155

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Medical Day Care – Reimbursement**
3 **Rates**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the reimbursement rates for medical day care be
5 adjusted by a certain index annually; prohibiting certain adjustments to a
6 certain reimbursement rate from exceeding a certain percentage on a certain
7 basis; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
8 reimbursement rates for medical day care services through the Maryland
9 Medical Assistance Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–111
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 15–111.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The Department may authorize reimbursement of a licensed day care
2 center for the elderly or medically handicapped adults for medical care that the center
3 provides to a Program recipient who is certified as requiring nursing home care.

4 (b) (1) Reimbursement under this section is subject to the availability of
5 federal funds.

6 (2) The reimbursement rate for medical day care:

7 (i) [May not exceed a maximum per diem rate established by
8 regulation of the Department] **SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY ADJUSTING**
9 **THE PER DIEM RATE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR BY THE PERCENTAGE**
10 **OF THE ANNUAL INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE MARCH CONSUMER PRICE**
11 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, MEDICAL CARE COMPONENT,**
12 **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU**
13 **OF LABOR STATISTICS; and**

14 (ii) Shall cover the following:

- 15 1. Administrative overhead;
- 16 2. Drugs, supplies, and equipment;
- 17 3. Food;
- 18 4. Medical services;
- 19 5. Staff; and
- 20 6. Transportation.

21 **(3) ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR**
22 **MEDICAL DAY CARE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT**
23 **EXCEED 5% ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2007, and shall be applicable to per diem rates for services provided on or after
26 July 1, 2008.