

# HOUSE BILL 426

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By: **Delegates Hubbard and Gaines**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Program – Health Care for Mothers, Children, Seniors,**  
3 **and Individuals with Disabilities – Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain pilot program to enhance Maryland Medical  
5 Assistance Program services; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental  
6 Hygiene to administer the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to provide  
7 certain services to a certain number of individuals; requiring the pilot program  
8 to include the development of a certain system, certain care coordination and  
9 programs, a network of certain practitioners and hospitals, and the  
10 development of a certain training institute; requiring the pilot program to  
11 achieve certain results within a certain time period; requiring the Department  
12 to provide certain funding, if available, and to apply for a certain demonstration  
13 or waiver and for certain grants, if necessary; requiring the Department to  
14 submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before  
15 a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act;  
16 and generally relating to a pilot program to provide health care to mothers,  
17 children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in the Maryland Medical  
18 Assistance Program.

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article – Health – General  
21 Section 15–101(a) and (h)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

24 BY adding to  
25 Article – Health – General  
26 Section 15–147  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

**Article – Health – General**

15–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

15–147.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DUAL ELIGIBILITY” MEANS SIMULTANEOUS ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER BOTH THE PROGRAM AND MEDICARE AND FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY OBTAIN FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS.

(B) THERE IS A PILOT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE PROGRAM SERVICES FOR MOTHERS, CHILDREN, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO RESIDE IN LOCAL ACCESS AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS HAVING A DEFICIT IN PRIMARY CARE CAPACITY, AT A RATIO OF 1 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN FOR EVERY 200 ENROLLEES, IN EXCESS OF 5,000.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE AN ENTITY TO ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(D) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PROGRAM SERVICES TO:

(1) 5,000 CHILDREN AND MOTHERS OF CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) 5,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH DUAL ELIGIBILITY.

(E) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC, PATIENT–CENTRIC CLINICAL DECISION CONSOLIDATOR SYSTEM;

(2) PEDIATRIC AND GERIATRIC CARE COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS;

1                   **(3) A NETWORK OF PRIMARY AND SPECIALTY CARE**  
2 **PRACTITIONERS AND HOSPITALS; AND**

3                   **(4) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAINING INSTITUTE TO CREATE A**  
4 **CADRE OF ALLIED HEALTH WORKERS.**

5           **(F) WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF**  
6 **FUNDING, THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL:**

7                   **(1) DEVELOP A WORKING PROTOTYPE OF THE CLINICAL**  
8 **DECISION CONSOLIDATOR SYSTEM;**

9                   **(2) INSTITUTE AN ARRAY OF PEDIATRIC AND GERIATRIC CARE**  
10 **COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS;**

11                   **(3) ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF CLINICAL PRACTITIONERS; AND**

12                   **(4) TRAIN AND CERTIFY AT LEAST 90 ALLIED HEALTH WORKERS.**

13           **(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

14                   **(1) UTILIZE DEPARTMENT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT**  
15 **PROGRAM, IF AVAILABLE;**

16                   **(2) APPLY TO THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID**  
17 **SERVICES, IF NECESSARY, FOR A DEMONSTRATION OR WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT**  
18 **THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND**

19                   **(3) APPLY FOR GRANTS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PATIENT**  
20 **PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE**  
21 **FEDERAL LAW, IF NECESSARY, TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

22           **(H) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**  
23 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**  
24 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PILOT**  
25 **PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:**

26                   **(1) THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN MEETING**  
27 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

28                   **(2) ANY SAVINGS TO THE PROGRAM RESULTING FROM THE**  
29 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of  
3   September 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
4   shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.