

HOUSE BILL 858

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Former Foster Care Adolescents –**
3 **Dental Care**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the
5 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide dental
6 care for certain former foster care adolescents; and generally relating to dental care
7 services provided by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to former foster care
8 adolescents.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 15–103(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 15–103(a)(2)(x)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health – General**

22 15–103.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
2 Program.

3 (2) The Program:

4 (x) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted
5 by federal law:

6 1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, **DENTAL**
7 **CARE**, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th
8 birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise
9 eligible for Program benefits; and

10 2. May provide comprehensive medical care and other health
11 care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster
12 care under the responsibility of any other state or the District of Columbia;

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2015.