

# HOUSE BILL 1512

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By: **Delegate Wivell**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Dental Preventive Care – Coverage**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain prohibition on a carrier imposing a certain frequency  
4 limitation on dental preventive care; providing for a delayed effective date; providing  
5 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for dental  
6 preventive care under health insurance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 15–135.1

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 15–135.1.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Carrier” means an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, health  
18 maintenance organization, or dental plan organization that provides dental benefits on an  
19 expense–incurred basis under policies or contracts issued or delivered in the State.

20 (3) “Dental preventive care” means a preventive dental visit, screening,  
21 oral examination, teeth cleaning (prophylaxis), fluoride treatment, or routine preventive  
22 service that is a covered benefit under a policy or contract issued or delivered by a carrier.

23 (b) If benefits for dental preventive care are available and all other requirements

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 for the coverage of dental preventive care are met, a carrier shall provide coverage for  
2 dental preventive care:

3 (1) at any time during the plan year for a policy or contract that provides  
4 coverage for dental preventive care once during the plan year; or

5 (2) subject to subsection (c) of this section, in accordance with any  
6 frequency limitation for a policy or contract that provides coverage for dental preventive  
7 care more than once during the plan year.

8 (c) A carrier may not impose a frequency limitation on dental preventive care that  
9 requires the dental preventive care to be provided at an interval greater than ~~[120]~~ **180**  
10 days during a plan year.

11 (d) This section may not be construed to require coverage for a service not  
12 otherwise required by law.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
14 policies, contracts, and dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or  
15 after January 1, 2019.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 January 1, 2019.