

SENATE BILL 886

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Work and Community Engagement**
3 **Requirements – Waiver**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before a certain
5 date, to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver under
6 a certain provision of federal law to implement a certain demonstration project
7 establishing work or community engagement requirements on certain enrollees in
8 the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring that a certain application
9 include certain information; requiring the Department to report to the General
10 Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to work and community
11 engagement requirements for eligible Maryland Medical Assistance Program
12 enrollees.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 15–149

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 **15–149.**

22 **(A) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY TO**
23 **THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES FOR A WAIVER UNDER §**
24 **1115 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO IMPLEMENT A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**
25 **ESTABLISHING WORK OR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS ON ALL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ABLE-BODIED ADULT ENROLLEES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM ON A
2 BASIS OTHER THAN DISABILITY.

3 (B) THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
4 SECTION SHALL:

5 (1) INCLUDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE PROJECT WOULD BE
6 BUDGET NEUTRAL;

7 (2) INCLUDE INFORMATION ON HOW THE PROJECT WOULD ALIGN
8 WITH OTHER EXISTING BENEFITS PROGRAMS;

9 (3) IDENTIFY ELIGIBILITY GROUPS AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
10 ALL FEDERAL DISABILITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, INCLUDING EXCEPTIONS AND
11 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PROHIBITIVE HEALTH CONDITIONS;

12 (4) IDENTIFY A RANGE OF QUALIFYING WORK AND COMMUNITY
13 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS;

14 (5) DESCRIBE THE SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
15 INDIVIDUALS IN MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AND

16 (6) DESCRIBE STATE-SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS AND HOW
17 THE STATE WILL ADDRESS THOSE BARRIERS.

18 (C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT
19 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
20 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION
21 UNDER THIS SECTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2018.