

SENATE BILL 220

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By: **Senator Kelley**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2019

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage of Dental Services – Repeal**
3 **of Contingency**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the provision of law that made the effectiveness of a certain
5 provision of law authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide
6 dental services to certain adults contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition
7 making a certain determination; making a conforming change; and generally
8 relating to coverage of dental services under the Maryland Medical Assistance
9 Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–103(a)(1) and (2)(xiii)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 BY repealing
16 Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
17 Section 3

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Chapter 721 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
20 Section 4

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

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 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 (xiii) Beginning on January 1, 2019, may provide, subject to the
5 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, dental services for adults
6 whose annual household income is at or below 133 percent of the poverty level.

7 **Chapter 721 of the Acts of 2017**

8 **[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

9 (a) Section 2 of this Act is contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition
10 determining, as part of the findings of the study authorized under Section 1(a) of this Act,
11 that it is advisable to expand the benefits provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance
12 Program to include dental services for adults whose annual household income is at or below
13 133 percent of the poverty level.

14 (b) If the report authorized under Section 1(c)(1) of this Act does not include the
15 finding described in subsection (a) of this section, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void
16 without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.]

17 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That**[, subject to Section 3 of this
18 Act,] this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That** this Act shall take effect June
20 1, 2019.