

SENATE BILL 1009

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By: **Senator Benson**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage – Acupuncture Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a
4 certain limitation, to provide coverage for acupuncture services administered by
5 certain health care practitioners; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical
6 Assistance Program and coverage for acupuncture services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 15–103(a)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xii) and (xiii)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health – General

19 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xiv)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Health – General**

25 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 (xii) Shall provide services in accordance with funding restrictions
5 included in the annual State budget bill; [and]

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

9 (XIV) SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE
10 STATE BUDGET, ACUPUNCTURE SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY A HEALTH CARE
11 PRACTITIONER WHO IS:

12 1. LICENSED UNDER TITLE 1A OF THE HEALTH
13 OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; AND

14 2. OPERATING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE
15 PRACTITIONER.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2019.