

# SENATE BILL 475

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric**  
3 **Disorders – Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning on a  
5 certain date, to provide services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric  
6 disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset  
7 neuropsychiatric syndrome under certain circumstances; requiring insurers,  
8 nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide  
9 certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to  
10 provide coverage for certain diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of pediatric  
11 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and  
12 pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome; providing that the required  
13 coverage may be subject to certain deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance;  
14 requiring that pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with  
15 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome be  
16 coded for billing and diagnosis purposes in a certain manner under certain  
17 circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed  
18 effective date; and generally relating to coverage for pediatric autoimmune  
19 neuropsychiatric disorder and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome  
20 diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment under health insurance.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
22 Article – Health – General

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 15–103(a)(1)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2019 Replacement Volume)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
5 Article – Health – General  
6 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv)  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2019 Replacement Volume)

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xv)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Insurance  
16 Section 15–855  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 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.

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

25 (2) The Program:

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

29 (xiv) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,  
30 medically appropriate drugs that are approved by the United States Food and Drug  
31 Administration for the treatment of hepatitis C, regardless of the fibrosis score, and that  
32 are determined to be medically necessary; AND

33 (XV) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2021, SHALL PROVIDE,  
34 SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY  
35 FEDERAL LAW, SERVICES FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC

1 DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC  
2 ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME, INCLUDING THE USE OF  
3 INTRAVENOUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN THERAPY, FOR ELIGIBLE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS,  
4 IF PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH  
5 STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC  
6 SYNDROME ARE CODED FOR BILLING AND DIAGNOSIS PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH § 15-855(D) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

8 **Article – Insurance**

9 **15-855.**

10 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

11 **(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**  
12 **PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**  
13 **ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR**  
14 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

15 **(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**  
16 **HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER**  
17 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

18 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR**  
19 **MEDICALLY NECESSARY DIAGNOSIS, EVALUATION, AND TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC**  
20 **AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH**  
21 **STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC**  
22 **SYNDROME, INCLUDING THE USE OF INTRAVENOUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN THERAPY.**

23 **(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
24 **COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE ANNUAL**  
25 **DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY AN**  
26 **ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES UNDER THE SAME**  
27 **HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR CONTRACT.**

28 **(2) THE ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, OR COINSURANCE**  
29 **REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE**  
30 **COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE**  
31 **ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED**  
32 **BY THE ENTITY FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES.**

33 **(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**  
34 **SUBSECTION, PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS**  
35 **ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET**

1 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME SHALL BE CODED AS AUTOIMMUNE ENCEPHALITIS  
2 FOR BILLING AND DIAGNOSIS PURPOSES.

3 (2) IF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTERS  
4 FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES CREATE AND ASSIGN A SPECIFIC CODE  
5 FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH  
6 STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS OR PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC  
7 SYNDROME FOR BILLING AND DIAGNOSIS PURPOSES, PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE  
8 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS  
9 AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME MAY BE CODED AS:

10 (I) AUTOIMMUNE ENCEPHALITIS;

11 (II) PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS  
12 ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS; OR

13 (III) PEDIATRIC ACUTE ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all  
15 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or  
16 after January 1, 2021.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 January 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.