Chapter 470

(Senate Bill 923)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Eligibility and Disensellment

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide certain health care services for a pregnant Program recipient for a certain time period; requiring the Department to develop certain written materials and provide the materials to certain Program recipients at a certain time; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to eligibility for and disenvollment from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(a)(1) and (2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15–103(a)(2)(ii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

15-103.

(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP WRITTEN MATERIALS:

(I) REGARDING HEALTH LITERACY TO HELP FACILITATE THE DISENROLLMENT OF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

- (II) THAT ARE PROVIDED TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT AT THE TIME OF DISENBOLLMENT.
- (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ENSURING CARE COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVIDERS ON THE DISENROLLMENT OF A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

15–103.

- (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.
 - (2) The Program:
- (i) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, shall provide medical and other health care services for indigent individuals or medically indigent individuals or both:
- (ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget, comprehensive medical, <u>DENTAL</u>, and other health care services for all eligible pregnant women whose family income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level FOR THE DURATION OF THE PREGNANCY AND FOR 1 YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE WOMAN'S PREGNANCY, as permitted by the federal law;

SECTION $\frac{2}{2}$. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That $\frac{2}{2}$ of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.