

# HOUSE BILL 534

J1

2lr1649  
CF SB 244

---

By: **Delegates Bhandari, D. Jones, Kerr, Lehman, and Pena–Melnik**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

---

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 7, 2022

---

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Self-Measured Blood Pressure**  
3 **Monitoring**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, the Maryland Medical  
5 Assistance Program to provide coverage for self-measured blood pressure  
6 monitoring; and generally relating to self-measured blood pressure monitoring and  
7 the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 15–101(a) and 15–103(a)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Health – General  
15 Section 15–101(j) and (l) and 15–103(a)(2)(xviii)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Health – General  
20 Section 15–101(j) and 15–103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

---

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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 15–101.

5 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 **(J) “SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING” MEANS THE**  
7 **REGULAR MEASUREMENT OF BLOOD PRESSURE BY THE PATIENT OUTSIDE THE**  
8 **CLINICAL SETTING, EITHER AT HOME OR ELSEWHERE, REQUIRING THE USE OF A**  
9 **HOME BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENT DEVICE BY THE PATIENT.**

10 **[j] (K) “Specialty mental health services” means any mental health services**  
11 **other than primary mental health services.**

12 **(L) “VALIDATED HOME BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR” MEANS A BLOOD**  
13 **PRESSURE MEASUREMENT DEVICE THAT HAS BEEN VALIDATED FOR ACCURACY AND**  
14 **IS LISTED IN THE U.S. BLOOD PRESSURE VALIDATED DEVICE LISTING.**

15 15–103.

16 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
17 Program.

18 (2) The Program:

19 (xvi) Beginning on January 1, 2021, shall provide, subject to the  
20 limitations of the State budget and § 15–855(b)(2) of the Insurance Article, and as permitted  
21 by federal law, services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated  
22 with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,  
23 including the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy, for eligible Program recipients,  
24 if pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections  
25 and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome are coded for billing and diagnosis  
26 purposes in accordance with § 15–855(d) of the Insurance Article; [and]

27 (xvii) Beginning on January 1, 2022, may not include, subject to federal  
28 approval and limitations of the State budget, a frequency limitation on covered dental  
29 prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral  
30 health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year; AND

31 **(XVIII) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, SHALL PROVIDE,**  
32 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY**  
33 **FEDERAL LAW, COVERAGE FOR SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING**

1 FOR ALL PROGRAM RECIPIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH UNCONTROLLED HIGH BLOOD  
2 PRESSURE, INCLUDING:

3 1. THE PROVISION OF VALIDATED HOME BLOOD  
4 PRESSURE MONITORS; AND

5 2. REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND  
6 OTHER STAFF TIME USED FOR PATIENT TRAINING, TRANSMISSION OF BLOOD  
7 PRESSURE DATA, INTERPRETATION OF BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS AND  
8 REPORTING, AND THE DELIVERY OF CO-INTERVENTIONS, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL  
9 MATERIALS OR CLASSES, BEHAVIORAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT, AND MEDICATION  
10 MANAGEMENT.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate.