SENATE BILL 150

By: Senators Augustine and Guzzone
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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning on a
certain date and subject to certain limitations, to provide certain dental services for certain adults; repealing certain provisions of law requiring the implementation of a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult recipients under the Program; and generally relating to dental services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(ii) and (xvii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15–103(a)(2)(x) and (xiii)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing
Article – Health – General
Section 15–141

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.
SENATE BILL 150  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 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.  

(a) (2) The Program:  

(ii) Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the State budget,  
comprehensive medical, dental, 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;  

(x) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted  
by federal law:  

1. Shall provide comprehensive medical care, DENTAL  
CARE, and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th  
birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of the State and are not otherwise  
eligible for Program benefits; AND  

2. May provide comprehensive medical care, DENTAL CARE,  
and other health care services for former foster care adolescents who, on their 18th  
birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility of any other state or the District of  
Columbia; [and  

3. May provide comprehensive dental care for former foster  
care adolescents who, on their 18th birthday, were in foster care under the responsibility  
of the State;]  

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

2. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, SHALL PROVIDE,  
SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY  
FEDERAL LAW, COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE SERVICES FOR ADULTS, INCLUDING  
DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, RESTORATIVE, AND PERIODONTAL SERVICES, WHOSE  
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT OR BELOW 133 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL  
POVERTY LEVEL;
(xvii) Beginning on January 1, 2022, may not include, subject to federal
approval and limitations of the State budget, a frequency limitation on covered dental
prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral
health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year.

[15–141.]

(a) On or before September 1, 2018, the Department shall apply to the Centers
for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the State’s § 1115 HealthChoice
Demonstration waiver to implement a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to
adult Program recipients.

(b) If the amendment is approved under subsection (a) of this section, the
Department shall administer the pilot program.

(c) The Department may limit:

(1) Participation in the pilot program to Program recipients who are:

   (i) Dually eligible for health care coverage under both the Program
       and Medicare and for whom the Department may obtain federal matching funds; and

   (ii) Of a certain age;

(2) The total number of participants in the pilot program; and

(3) Operation of the pilot program to certain geographic regions of the
    State.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
January 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.