

# SENATE BILL 244

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By: **Senator Feldman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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)

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

25 **Article – Health – General**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 15-101.

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

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

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

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

12 15-103.

13 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance  
14 Program.

15 (2) The Program:

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

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

28 **(XVIII) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, SHALL PROVIDE,**  
29 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, AND AS PERMITTED BY**  
30 **FEDERAL LAW, COVERAGE FOR SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING**  
31 **FOR ALL PROGRAM RECIPIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH UNCONTROLLED HIGH BLOOD**  
32 **PRESSURE, INCLUDING:**

33 **1. THE PROVISION OF VALIDATED HOME BLOOD**  
34 **PRESSURE MONITORS; AND**

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

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