

# SENATE BILL 761

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Funding for Wage Increases for Medical Provider Workers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that, in certain fiscal years, certain funding provided in the  
4 legislative appropriation to the Medical Care Programs Administration for medical  
5 care provider reimbursements be used for wage increases for health care workers  
6 and staff in nursing homes who provide direct care to residents; and generally  
7 relating to funding for medical care provider reimbursements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 16–201.4(b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 16–201.4.

17 (b) (1) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 shall include a 4%  
18 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
19 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider  
20 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
21 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

22 (2) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 shall include a 4%  
23 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
24 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
2 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

3 (3) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2023 shall include a 4%  
4 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
5 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider  
6 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
7 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

8 (4) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2024 shall include a 4%  
9 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
10 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider  
11 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
12 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

13 (5) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 shall include a 4%  
14 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
15 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider  
16 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
17 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

18 (6) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2026 shall include a 4%  
19 rate increase for providers over the funding provided in the legislative appropriation for  
20 the immediately preceding fiscal year in Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider  
21 Reimbursements – Medical Care Programs Administration and Program M00Q01.07  
22 Maryland Children’s Health Program – Medical Care Programs Administration.

23 (7) **THE FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION**  
24 **FOR PROGRAM M00Q01.03 MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS –**  
25 **MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION IN PARAGRAPHS (3) THROUGH (6) OF**  
26 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE USED TO FUND WAGE INCREASES FOR:**

27 (I) **HEALTH CARE WORKERS; AND**

28 (II) **STAFF IN NURSING HOMES WHO PROVIDE DIRECT CARE TO**  
29 **RESIDENTS, INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING, LAUNDRY, NUTRITIONAL, AND ACTIVITIES**  
30 **SERVICES.**

31 (8) The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year [2021] **2024** and each  
32 fiscal year thereafter shall be presented in the same manner, including object and program  
33 information, as in the fiscal year [2020] **2023** budget.

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