

## Chapter 376

**(House Bill 1304)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Department of Health and Department of ~~Human Services~~ Aging –  
Earned Income Tax Credit – Distribution of Information and Training**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health ~~and the Department of Human Services to provide information on~~ to develop a process for providing information about the availability of the State's earned income tax credits to individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services, or potential enrollees in certain programs, administered by the ~~departments;~~ Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department of Aging to provide training to the Maryland Access Point network to increase awareness of the availability of the State's earned income tax credit; and generally relating to public assistance programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 15–101(h), 15–301(a), 15–401(c), 15–601(d) and (e), and 15–1001(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 15–102.1(b)(18) and (19)

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BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 15–102.1(b)(20), 15–301(e), 15–408, 15–605(h), and 15–1007

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BY ~~adding to~~ repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services

Section ~~2–304~~ 10–1002

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(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health – General**

15-101.

- (h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

15-102.1.

- (b) The Department shall, to the extent permitted, subject to the limitations of the State budget:

(18) Establish mechanisms for aggressively pursuing recoveries against third parties permitted under current law and exploring additional methods for seeking to recover other money expended by the Program; [and]

(19) Take appropriate measures to assure the quality of health care services provided by managed care organizations; AND

**(20) ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM ENROLLEE WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

15-301.

- (a) There is a Maryland Children’s Health Program.

**(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM ENROLLEE WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

15-401.

- (c) “Program” means the Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership.

15-408.

**THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM ENROLLEE WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

15-601.

(d) “Program” means the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

(e) “Repository” means a licensed pharmacy that:

(1) Does not have a final disciplinary order issued against it by the Board of Pharmacy;

(2) Has voluntarily agreed to participate in the Program; and

(3) Has been approved by the Board to:

(i) Accept donated prescription drugs or medical supplies from a designated drop-off site;

(ii) Dispense the donated prescription drugs or medical supplies to needy individuals; or

(iii) Dispose of prescription drugs or medical supplies not accepted for dispensing to needy individuals.

15-605.

**(H) ~~A REPOSITORY SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM THE REPOSITORY.~~**

15-1001.

(e) “Program” means the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program established under this subtitle.

15-1007.

**THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

## Article – Human Services

~~2-304.~~

~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM A PROGRAM OR SERVICE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 5 OR TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

10-1002.

(a) There is an Aging and Disability Resource Center Program, known as "Maryland Access Point", in the Department.

(b) The Program is the State's Aging and Disability Resource Center for purposes of the federal Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006.

(c) The purpose of the Program is to provide a coordinated system of information and access for individuals seeking long-term services and supports, including in-home, community-based, and institutional services.

(d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PERIODIC TRAINING TO THE MARYLAND ACCESS POINT NETWORK TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(E) The Department shall administer, supervise, and coordinate the Program with the cooperation of the Department of Disabilities, the Department of Human Services, the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Maryland Department of Health.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

**Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2024.**