

# HOUSE BILL 985

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By: **Delegate R. Lewis**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage for Fertility Treatment and**  
3 **Preservation Services – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the potential  
5 fiscal and health access impacts of expanding coverage under the Maryland Medical  
6 Assistance Program to include fertility treatment and preservation services; and  
7 generally relating to fertility treatment and preservation services and the Maryland  
8 Medical Assistance Program.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
10 That:

11 (a) The Maryland Department of Health shall study the potential fiscal and  
12 health access impacts of expanding coverage under the Maryland Medical Assistance  
13 Program to include fertility treatment and preservation services.

14 (b) The study required under subsection (a) of this section shall examine the  
15 impact of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program providing coverage for:

16 (1) the diagnosis of infertility and any medically necessary ovulation  
17 enhancing drugs and medical services relating to prescribing and monitoring the use of the  
18 drugs, including at least three cycles of ovulation–enhancing medication treatment over  
19 the lifetime of an enrollee in the Program; and

20 (2) standard fertility preservation services that are medically necessary to  
21 preserve fertility due to a need for medical treatment that may directly or indirectly cause  
22 iatrogenic fertility, consistent with the coverage requirements applicable to health  
23 insurance carriers under § 15–810.1 of the Insurance Article.

24 (c) On or before December 1, 2024, the Maryland Department of Health shall  
25 report its findings from the study required under this section to the Governor and, in

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the House Health and  
2 Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
4 1, 2024.