

HOUSE BILL 974

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Preventive Services – Enforcement Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain
4 provisions of law related to preventive services consistent with federal rules and
5 guidance in effect on a certain date; and generally relating to health insurance
6 preventive services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Insurance

9 Section 15–1A–10

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 15–1A–10.

16 (a) **[Except] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND EXCEPT** as
17 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a carrier shall provide coverage for and
18 may not impose any cost–sharing requirements, including copayments, coinsurance, or
19 deductibles for:

20 (1) evidence–based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B
21 in the **[current] MOST RECENT** recommendations of the United States Preventive Services
22 Task Force with respect to the individual involved;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) immunizations for routine use in children, adolescents, and adults that
2 have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
3 of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the individual involved,
4 if the recommendation:

5 (i) has been adopted by the Director of the Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention; and

7 (ii) is listed on the Immunization Schedules of the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention for routine use;

9 (3) with respect to infants, children, and adolescents, evidence-informed
10 preventive care and screenings provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the
11 Health Resources and Services Administration; and

12 (4) with respect to women:

13 (i) to the extent not provided in item (ii) of this item, preventive care
14 and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health
15 Resources and Services Administration for purposes of § 2713(a)(4) of the federal Public
16 Health Service Act; and

17 (ii) subject to § 15-826(c) of this title, contraceptive coverage as
18 provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services
19 Administration for purposes of § 2713(a)(4) of the federal Public Health Service Act.

20 (b) To the extent that cost-sharing is otherwise allowed under federal or State
21 law, a health benefit plan that uses a network of providers may impose cost-sharing
22 requirements on the coverage described in subsection (a) of this section for items or services
23 delivered by an out-of-network provider.

24 (c) This section may not be construed to prohibit a carrier from providing
25 coverage for services in addition to those recommended by the United States Preventive
26 Services Task Force or to deny coverage for services that are not recommended by the Task
27 Force.

28 **(D) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENFORCE THIS SECTION CONSISTENT**
29 **WITH FEDERAL RULES AND GUIDANCE IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

30 **(2) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS:**

31 **(I) NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, CONSISTENT**
32 **WITH FEDERAL STATUTES, RULES, AND GUIDANCE IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 31,**
33 **2024; AND**

1 **(II) RELATED TO ANY FUTURE PREVENTIVE SERVICES**
2 **RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES ISSUED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024, BY THE**
3 **UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
4 **ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND**
5 **PREVENTION, OR THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, OR**
6 **RELATED FEDERAL RULES OR GUIDANCE.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2025.