

HOUSE BILL 1004

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CF SB 748

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias – Information on**
3 **Prevalence and Treatment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with
5 certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the
6 Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and to
7 increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and
8 related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs administered by
9 the Department; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a website that
10 includes certain information on the prevalence and hospitalization rate of
11 Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias; and generally related to Alzheimer’s
12 disease and related dementias.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health – General
15 Section 18–110
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Health – General
20 Section 18–111

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 18–110.

7 The Department, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones
8 Alzheimer’s Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** Council, and the Greater
9 Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, shall incorporate information into
10 relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department to:

11 (1) Educate health care providers regarding:

12 (i) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of
13 cognitive impairment;

14 (ii) Validated assessment tools for the detection and diagnosis of
15 cognitive impairment;

16 (iii) The value of a Medicare annual wellness visit or other annual
17 physical for an individual at least 65 years old for cognitive health; [and]

18 (iv) The Medicare care planning billing code for individuals with
19 cognitive impairment; and

20 (v) **TREATMENTS APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG**
21 **ADMINISTRATION FOR ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS,**
22 **INCLUDING RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES; AND**

23 (2) Increase **PUBLIC** understanding and awareness of:

24 (i) The early warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease and [other types
25 of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS;**

26 (ii) The value of early detection [and], diagnosis, **AND TREATMENT**
27 of Alzheimer’s disease and [other types of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS; and**

28 (iii) How to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, particularly among
29 individuals in Black and Latino communities who are at greater risk of developing
30 Alzheimer’s disease and [other types of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS; AND**

1 **(IV) TREATMENTS APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG**
2 **ADMINISTRATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS AND**
3 **RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES, INCLUDING**
4 **INFORMATION RELATED TO TREATMENT OUTCOMES BASED ON BIOLOGICAL SEX.**

5 18-111.

6 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE-DESIGNATED**
7 **HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY**
8 **ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE THAT INCLUDES IN A DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT THE**
9 **FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

10 **(1) THE PREVALENCE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED**
11 **DEMENTIAS IN THE STATE;**

12 **(2) THE HOSPITALIZATION RATE RELATED TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**
13 **AND RELATED DEMENTIAS; AND**

14 **(3) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE PREVALENCE AND**
15 **HOSPITALIZATION RATE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS**
16 **DISAGGREGATED BASED ON:**

17 **(I) AGE, INCLUDING AGE OF DIAGNOSIS;**

18 **(II) SEX;**

19 **(III) RACE;**

20 **(IV) ETHNICITY; ~~AND~~**

21 **(V) NUMBER OF CASES BY COUNTY;**

22 **(VI) CO-OCCURRENCE OF DOWN SYNDROME (TRISOMY-21);**

23 **AND**

24 **(VII) TYPE OF DEMENTIA.**

25 **(B) THE WEBSITE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
26 **SHALL:**

27 **(1) INCLUDE THE DATA AVAILABLE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY**
28 **PRECEDING 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND**

1 **(2) BE UPDATED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING**
2 **IN 2027, TO INCLUDE ANY NEWLY AVAILABLE DATA.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.