

Chapter 709

(House Bill 1470)

AN ACT concerning

**Medical Assistance Programs – Drug Dispensing – Cost-of-Dispensing Survey
and Fee for Service Professional Dispensing Fee**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey at a certain frequency; ~~requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing a fee for service professional dispensing fee based on the results of the survey within a certain period of time after the completion of the survey;~~ *requiring the Department to report the results of the survey to the General Assembly;* and generally relating to the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey ~~and fee for service professional dispensing fees~~ under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 15-107.1 ~~and 15-118.2~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

15-107.1.

(A) BEGINNING IN 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT THE IN-STATE COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS.

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR IN WHICH THE SURVEY REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS CONDUCTED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

~~**15-118.2.**~~

~~**WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE IN-STATE COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DISPENSING FEE BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY.**~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.