

SENATE BILL 738

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By: Senator Augustine

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Required**
3 **Coverage – Mobile Crisis and Crisis Stabilization**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain
5 insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and
6 managed care organizations to provide coverage for mobile crisis and crisis
7 stabilization services; and generally relating to coverage for mobile crisis and crisis
8 stabilization and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and health insurance
9 carriers.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–102.3(p) and 15–103(a)(2)(xxix)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(1)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

25 BY adding to

26 Article – Insurance
27 Section 15–864

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 15–102.3.

7 **(P) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15–864 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO**
8 **MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY APPLY TO**
9 **CARRIERS.**

10 15–103.

11 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
12 Program.

13 (2) The Program:

14 (xxvii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, if providing coverage for
15 the delivery of anesthesia, shall provide coverage for the delivery of anesthesia in
16 accordance with § 15–862 of the Insurance Article; [and]

17 (xxviii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, shall provide calcium score
18 testing in accordance with § 15–863 of the Insurance Article; AND

19 **(XXIX) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, SHALL PROVIDE**
20 **COVERAGE FOR MOBILE CRISIS AND CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES IN**
21 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 15–864 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.**

22 **Article – Insurance**

23 15–864.

24 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MOBILE CRISIS AND CRISIS STABILIZATION**
25 **SERVICES” MEANS IMMEDIATE, IN-PERSON MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ASSESSMENT,**
26 **DE-ESCALATION, AND STABILIZATION.**

27 **(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

28 **(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
29 **PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**

1 ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR
2 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

3 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
4 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER
5 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

6 (C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
7 MOBILE CRISIS AND CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
9 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
10 after January 1, 2027.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 January 1, 2027.