

SENATE BILL 839

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct the in-State
5 cost-of-dispensing survey at a certain frequency; requiring the Department to adopt
6 regulations establishing a fee-for-service professional dispensing fee based on the
7 results of the survey within a certain period of time after the completion of the
8 survey; and generally relating to the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey and
9 fee-for-service professional dispensing fees under the Maryland Medical Assistance
10 Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 15–107.1 and 15–118.2
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **15–107.1.**

20 **BEGINNING IN 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT THE IN-STATE**
21 **COST-OF-DISPENSING SURVEY AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS.**

22 **15–118.2.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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