

# SENATE BILL 839

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By: **Senator Ready**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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;~~ requiring the Department to report the results of the survey to the General  
9 Assembly; and generally relating to the in-State cost-of-dispensing survey ~~and~~  
10 ~~fee for service professional dispensing fees~~ under the Maryland Medical Assistance  
11 Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Health – General  
14 Section 15-107.1 ~~and 15-118.2~~  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **15-107.1.**

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

3 (B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR IN WHICH THE SURVEY  
4 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IS CONDUCTED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT  
5 THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

7 ~~15-118.2.~~

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.