

# HOUSE BILL 1304

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Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health and Department of Human Services – Earned**  
3 **Income Tax Credit – Distribution of Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Department of  
5 Human Services to provide information on the State’s earned income tax credits to  
6 individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services administered by  
7 the departments; and generally relating to public assistance programs.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 15–101(h), 15–301(a), 15–401(c), 15–601(d) and (e), and 15–1001(e)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 15–102.1(b)(18) and (19)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2023 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Health – General

20 Section 15–102.1(b)(20), 15–301(e), 15–408, 15–605(h), and 15–1007

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2023 Replacement Volume)

2 BY adding to  
3 Article – Human Services  
4 Section 2–304  
5 Annotated Code of Maryland  
6 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

9 **Article – Health – General**

10 15–101.

11 (h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

12 15–102.1.

13 (b) The Department shall, to the extent permitted, subject to the limitations of  
14 the State budget:

15 (18) Establish mechanisms for aggressively pursuing recoveries against  
16 third parties permitted under current law and exploring additional methods for seeking to  
17 recover other money expended by the Program; [and]

18 (19) Take appropriate measures to assure the quality of health care services  
19 provided by managed care organizations; AND

20 **(20) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE’S EARNED INCOME TAX**  
21 **CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH**  
22 **PROGRAM ENROLLEE.**

23 15–301.

24 (a) There is a Maryland Children’s Health Program.

25 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE’S**  
26 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–704 OF THE**  
27 **TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE.**

28 15–401.

29 (c) “Program” means the Qualified State Long–Term Care Insurance  
30 Partnership.

1 15-408.

2 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S  
3 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE  
4 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE.

5 15-601.

6 (d) "Program" means the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

7 (e) "Repository" means a licensed pharmacy that:

8 (1) Does not have a final disciplinary order issued against it by the Board  
9 of Pharmacy;

10 (2) Has voluntarily agreed to participate in the Program; and

11 (3) Has been approved by the Board to:

12 (i) Accept donated prescription drugs or medical supplies from a  
13 designated drop-off site;

14 (ii) Dispense the donated prescription drugs or medical supplies to  
15 needy individuals; or

16 (iii) Dispose of prescription drugs or medical supplies not accepted for  
17 dispensing to needy individuals.

18 15-605.

19 (H) A REPOSITORY SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S  
20 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE  
21 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING DONATED  
22 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM THE REPOSITORY.

23 15-1001.

24 (e) "Program" means the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program  
25 established under this subtitle.

26 15-1007.

27 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S  
28 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE

1 **TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THIS**  
2 **SUBTITLE.**

3 **Article – Human Services**

4 **2–304.**

5 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE’S**  
6 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–704 OF THE**  
7 **TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM A**  
8 **PROGRAM OR SERVICE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 5 OR TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
10 **October 1, 2024.**