

Chapter 882

**(Senate Bill 197)**

AN ACT concerning

**Residential Service Agencies – Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services  
*(Homecare Worker Rights Act of 2024)***

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee; and generally relating to reimbursements to residential service agencies.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 19–4A–10  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2023 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Health – General**

19–4A–10.

**(A)** Except as provided by federal law, licensure under this subtitle does not entitle a residential service agency to reimbursement by a third party payor.

**(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REIMBURSE A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCY FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ONLY IF THE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2025~~ January 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.**