

SENATE BILL 627

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By: **Senator Lam**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Dialysis Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning on a
4 certain date, to provide coverage for dialysis services to certain noncitizen
5 individuals under certain circumstances; and generally relating to dialysis services
6 and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 15–103(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health – General
14 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Health – General
19 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxii)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Health – General**

25 15–103.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) The Program:

4 (xx) Beginning on July 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to federal
5 approval and limitations of the State budget, community violence prevention services in
6 accordance with § 15–141.3 of this subtitle; [and]

7 (xxi) Beginning on January 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to the
8 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, coverage for self–measured
9 blood pressure monitoring for all Program recipients diagnosed with uncontrolled high
10 blood pressure, including:

11 1. The provision of validated home blood pressure monitors;
12 and

13 2. Reimbursement of health care provider and other staff
14 time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood
15 pressure readings and reporting, and the delivery of co–interventions, including
16 educational materials or classes, behavioral change management, and medication
17 management; AND

18 **(XXII) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, SHALL PROVIDE TO**
19 **NONCITIZEN INDIVIDUALS WITH END–STAGE RENAL DISEASE, WHO WOULD BE**
20 **ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM BUT FOR THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, COVERAGE**
21 **FOR OUTPATIENT DIALYSIS SERVICES WHEN A TREATING PHYSICIAN HAS CERTIFIED**
22 **FOR THE MONTH IN WHICH SERVICES ARE RECEIVED THAT FAILURE TO RECEIVE**
23 **DIALYSIS AT LEAST THREE TIMES PER WEEK WOULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO**
24 **RESULT IN:**

25 1. **THE INDIVIDUAL’S HEALTH BEING PLACED IN**
26 **SERIOUS JEOPARDY;**

27 2. **SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BODILY FUNCTION; OR**

28 3. **SERIOUS DYSFUNCTION OF A BODY PART OR ORGAN.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 October 1, 2023.