

Chapter 881

(House Bill 39)

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.