

HOUSE BILL 970

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By: **Delegates Pena–Melnik and Cullison**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Hospitals – Dental Services**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require an acute care
4 hospital that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to develop a
5 plan that demonstrates a commitment by the hospital to provide certain operating
6 room time for certain dental services; requiring, on or before a certain date each year,
7 each acute hospital to submit the plan to the Secretary of Health for approval; and
8 generally relating to dental services provided by hospitals participating in the
9 Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 15–110.1

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **15–110.1.**

19 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL THAT**
20 **PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT DEMONSTRATES A**
21 **COMMITMENT BY THE HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPERATING ROOM TIME**
22 **FOR:**

23 **(1) PEDIATRIC DENTAL SERVICES;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) DENTAL SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES; AND**

2 **(3) DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVED BY THE**
3 **HOSPITAL.**

4 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, EACH ACUTE GENERAL**
5 **HOSPITAL PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT THE PLAN REQUIRED**
6 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL.**

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