

SB0891/323822/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 891
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Mental**” and substitute “**Behavioral**”; in lines 4, 9, 12, 16, and 17, in each instance, strike “mental” and substitute “behavioral”; strike beginning with “clarifying” in line 5 down through “circumstances” in line 8; in line 8, after “requiring” insert “the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and”; strike beginning with “the” in line 12 down through “program” in line 14 and substitute “certain health care providers to screen for perinatal behavioral health conditions; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to identify certain screening tools and to assist certain health care providers with accessing resources and referral services related to screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions”; strike beginning with “applicants” in line 14 down through “hours” in line 16 and substitute “health occupations boards to grant a certain number of hours of continuing education credits for each hour of continuing education completed by certain individuals”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(a)(1)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii), 20–1801, and 20–1802

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Article - Health - General
Section 15-103(a)(2)(xxix), 20-1801, and 20-1804
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On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“Article – Health – General

15-103.

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

(2) The Program:

(xxvii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia, shall provide coverage for the delivery of anesthesia in accordance with § 15-862 of the Insurance Article; [and]

(xxviii) Beginning on January 1, 2026, shall provide calcium score testing in accordance with § 15-863 of the Insurance Article; AND

(XXIX) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SCREENING FOR PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AT WELL VISITS WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CHILD’S LIFE, AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.”.

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On page 3 in lines 15, 16, and 18, on page 4 in line 10, on page 5 in line 24, on page 6 in lines 2, 27, and 30, on page 7 in lines 15 and 28, and on page 8 in line 2, in each instance, strike “**MENTAL**” and substitute “**BEHAVIORAL**”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 4 and 5; in line 6, in each instance, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “**(5)**”; in lines 15, 20, and 26, strike “**(6)**”, “**(7)**”, and “**(8)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(5)**”, “**(6)**”, and “**(7)**”, respectively; in lines 16 and 17, strike “, **THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD, OR THE PERINATAL PERIOD**” and substitute “**OR WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF A PREGNANCY, INCLUDING A PREGNANCY THAT DOES NOT RESULT IN A LIVE BIRTH**”.

On page 4, in lines 6 and 7, strike “**TO A MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**”; and strike beginning with “**FOR**” in line 7 down through “**BIRTH**” in line 8 and substitute “**TO A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROVIDER’S LICENSE, INCLUDING A PSYCHIATRIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL, OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR FOR:**

(I) THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE AS PREVENTIVE BENEFITS; AND

(II) THE DURATION OF THE MEMBER’S PREGNANCY AND 1 YEAR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PREGNANCY”.

On page 6, in line 1, strike “**(1)**”; strike beginning with the colon in line 2 down through “**(III)**” in line 6; in line 6, strike “**EACH**”; in the same line, strike “**VISIT**” and substitute “**VISITS**”; in line 7, after “**LIFE**” insert “, **AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 16, inclusive; and in lines 28 and 29, strike “, **THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD, OR THE PERINATAL PERIOD**” and substitute “**OR WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE CONCLUSION**”.

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OF A PREGNANCY, INCLUDING A PREGNANCY THAT DOES NOT RESULT IN A LIVE BIRTH".

On page 8, in line 16, strike "A" and substitute "AT LEAST ONCE DURING EACH TRIMESTER, A"; in line 17, strike "PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM" and substitute "PERINATAL"; in line 18, strike "THE" and substitute "TO A PATIENT:

(1) THE";

and in line 20, strike "TO A PATIENT AT EACH PRENATAL VISIT" and substitute "; OR

(2) OTHER APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS"; and in line 32, strike "MENTAL" and substitute "BEHAVIORAL".

On page 9, in lines 16 and 33, in each instance, strike "MENTAL" and substitute "BEHAVIORAL"; strike beginning with "THE" in line 9 down through "A" in line 13 and substitute "A"; in line 15, strike "TO" and substitute "SHALL"; strike beginning with the colon in line 16 down through "AT EACH" in line 20 and substitute "AT"; in line 20, strike "VISIT" and substitute "VISITS"; in line 21, after "LIFE" insert ", AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER"; in lines 22 and 28, strike "(C)" and "(D)", respectively, and substitute "(B)" and "(C)", respectively; and in line 23, strike "(B)" and substitute "(A)".

On page 10, in line 11, strike "MENTAL" and substitute "BEHAVIORAL"; in line 3, strike "AN APPLICANT" and substitute "A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER"; in line 4, strike "PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM" and substitute "PERINATAL"; in line 5, strike "APPLICANT'S"; strike beginning with "(1)" in line 6 down through "HOURS" in line 11 and substitute "EACH HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD THAT REQUIRES A LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS

A CONDITION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL GRANT AT LEAST 2 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR EVERY 1 HOUR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLETED BY THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER"; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive; and strike beginning with "SPECIFYING" in line 18 down through "SECTION" in line 19 and substitute "ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS THAT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION".

On page 10, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2026, the Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

(1) conduct an analysis in accordance with § 15–1501 of the Insurance Article on impact of:

(i) requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the State Health Plan, and insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups on an expense-incurred basis under health insurance policies or contracts that are issued or delivered in the State and health maintenance organizations that provide hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to individuals or groups under contract that are issued or delivered in the State to provide coverage for screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions:

1. at each prenatal visit;
2. at least once within 6 weeks after the insured or enrollee gave birth; and
3. at each well child visit within the first year of the child's life; and

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(ii) prohibiting the entities described in item (i) of this item from subjecting the coverage required under item (i) of this item from:

1. imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement or deductible that is greater than the copayment or coinsurance requirement or deductible imposed by the entity for similar coverages; or

2. imposing any copayment or coinsurance requirement or deductible; and

(2) report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on its findings from the analysis conducted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this section.”;

in lines 20 and 23, strike “3.” and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “4.” and “5.”, respectively; in line 23, strike “Section 1” and substitute “Sections 1 and 2”; in line 25, strike “5.” and substitute “6.”; in line 26, strike “4” and substitute “5”; and in the same line, strike “October 1, 2026” and substitute “July 1, 2026”.