

HOUSE BILL 1086

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By: **Delegates Martinez, Pena–Melnik, Alston, Lehman, Roberts, Taveras, Taylor, and Turner**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage for**
3 **Anesthesia – Prohibiting Time Limitations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, managed care
5 organizations, and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
6 maintenance organizations, if providing coverage for the delivery of anesthesia for a
7 procedure for which a licensed medical professional issues an order, to provide the
8 coverage in a certain manner; and generally relating to health insurance coverage
9 for the delivery of anesthesia.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–102.3(m), 15–103(a)(2)(xxv), and 15–157
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(1)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxiii) and (xxiv)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

25 BY adding to

26 Article – Insurance

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Section 15–861
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

15–102.3.

**(M) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, THE PROVISIONS OF § 15–861 OF THE
INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SAME
MANNER THAT THEY APPLY TO CARRIERS.**

15–103.

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

(2) The Program:

(xxiii) Beginning on July 1, 2025, shall provide, subject to the
limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, coverage for biomarker
testing in accordance with § 15–859 of the Insurance Article; [and]

(xxiv) Beginning on January 1, 2025, shall provide coverage for
prostheses in accordance with § 15–844 of the Insurance Article; AND

**(XXV) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, IF PROVIDING COVERAGE
FOR THE DELIVERY OF ANESTHESIA, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DELIVERY
OF ANESTHESIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15–861 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.**

15–157.

**IF THE PROGRAM COVERS THE DELIVERY OF ANESTHESIA FOR A PROCEDURE
FOR WHICH A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AN ORDER, THE
PROGRAM:**

**(1) SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DELIVERY OF ANESTHESIA
FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE PROCEDURE; AND**

**(2) MAY NOT PLACE TIME LIMITATIONS ON THE DELIVERY OF
ANESTHESIA.**

1 **Article – Insurance**

2 **15-861.**

3 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:**

4 **(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT**
5 **PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS**
6 **ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR**
7 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND**

8 **(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE**
9 **HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER**
10 **CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.**

11 **(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION THAT COVERS THE DELIVERY OF**
12 **ANESTHESIA FOR A PROCEDURE FOR WHICH A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL**
13 **ISSUES AN ORDER:**

14 **(1) SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DELIVERY OF ANESTHESIA**
15 **FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE PROCEDURE; AND**

16 **(2) MAY NOT PLACE TIME LIMITATIONS ON THE DELIVERY OF**
17 **ANESTHESIA.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
19 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
20 after January 1, 2026.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 January 1, 2026.