

# HOUSE BILL 1452

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance Program - Long-Term Care Eligibility - Consolidation**  
3 **Plan**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the  
5 Department of Human Resources, in consultation with certain groups, to  
6 develop a certain plan; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
7 and the Department of Human Resources to submit a certain report to the  
8 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally  
9 relating to the Medical Assistance Program and eligibility for long-term care  
10 services.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the  
14 Department of Human Resources, in consultation with LifeSpan Network and the  
15 Health Facilities Association of Maryland, shall develop a plan to integrate the  
16 functions necessary for the determination of Medical Assistance Program eligibility for  
17 long-term care services.

18 (2) The plan conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) transfer the workforce employed by the Department of  
2 Human Resources, including the local departments of social services, who determine  
3 long-term care Medical Assistance Program eligibility to the Department of Health  
4 and Mental Hygiene;

5 (ii) create uniform procedures, guidelines, and forms to be  
6 utilized by all employees in the determination of long-term care Medical Assistance  
7 Program eligibility; ~~and~~

8 (iii) streamline regulations, policies, and procedures related to  
9 the application for long-term care Medical Assistance Program services, including  
10 considering whether the face-to-face interview required under § 10.09.24.04 of the  
11 Code of Maryland Regulations should be eliminated for long-term care eligibility  
12 determinations; and

13 (iv) consider creating a financial and technical resource center  
14 for assisting caseworkers in determining long-term care eligibility.

15 (b) On or before ~~November~~ October 1, 2008, the Department of Health and  
16 Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources shall submit a report on the  
17 implementation of the plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the  
18 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
19 General Assembly.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2008.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.