



MARYLAND Department of Health

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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**RE: SB 284 (Ch. 621 of the Acts of 2018) – Report on the Status of the Waiver
Application to Implement a Pilot Program to Provide Limited Dental Coverage to
Adult Medicaid Participants**

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

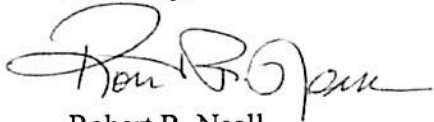
In accordance with Section 2 of SB 284 (Ch. 621 of the Acts of 2018), the Department is writing provide an update on the status of the application for an amendment to the State's §1115 HealthChoice Demonstration waiver to implement a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to adult Maryland Medical Assistance Program participants.

SB 284 authorized the creation of an adult dental pilot program within the Medical Assistance Program. The bill required the Department to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an §1115 HealthChoice Demonstration Waiver amendment to provide limited dental coverage to adult participants. The legislation granted the Department the discretion to limit the pilot to participants dually eligible for health care coverage under both Medicaid and Medicare and of a specific age within certain geographic areas of the state. The legislation also required the Department to meet with stakeholders to obtain input on the design of the §1115 amendment application.

The Department submitted an §1115 waiver amendment application to CMS on July 2, 2018, requesting the authority to implement an adult dental pilot statewide. Specifically, the pilot will provide dental services to dual eligible participants between 21 and 64 years of age. The dental package includes diagnostic, preventative, and restorative services in addition to extractions, and will be administered by the Department's existing dental administrative services organization (ASO). The Department incorporated stakeholder feedback gathered through public forums and additional meetings with stakeholders, including a presentation to the Maryland Dental Action Coalition.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. If you have questions or need more information on the subjects included in this report, please contact Webster Ye, Deputy Chief of Staff at (410) 767-6480 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Neall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert R. Neall
Secretary