

House Bill 405

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community  
3 Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for  
4 Medicaid recipients; to provide for public input; to provide for an annual report; to provide  
5 for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mapillar Dahn Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
12 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "49-4-159.2.

14 (a) The department shall conduct an annual review of all medications, forms of treatment,  
15 and services that are eligible for coverage under the Medicaid program for Medicaid

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16 recipients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease. The purpose of the annual review shall  
17 be to determine if the available covered medications, treatments, and services are adequate  
18 to meet the needs of Medicaid recipients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease, and  
19 whether the department should seek to add additional medications, treatments, or services.  
20 (b) When conducting the annual review required by this Code section, the department shall  
21 solicit and consider input from the general public, with specific emphasis on attempting to  
22 receive input from persons or groups with knowledge and experience in the area of sickle  
23 cell disease treatment.  
24 (c) On or before January 15, 2024, and on or before January 15 each year thereafter, the  
25 department shall submit a report to the presiding officers of each house of the General  
26 Assembly, who shall forward a copy of the report to the chairperson or chairpersons of the  
27 appropriate standing committee or committees in each house that details the department's  
28 findings from the annual review required by this Code section, as well as any  
29 recommendations based upon such findings. The department shall publish the annual  
30 report required by this subsection to its website in a manner accessible by the general  
31 public."

32 **SECTION 3.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.