

Chapter 682

(Senate Bill 748)

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias – Information on
Prevalence and Treatment**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with certain entities, to incorporate information regarding treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and to increase understanding and awareness of treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a website that includes certain information on the prevalence and hospitalization rate of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias; and generally related to Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 18–111
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2023 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

18–110.

The Department, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related ~~Disorders~~ **DEMENTIAS** Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, shall incorporate information into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Department to:

(1) Educate health care providers regarding:

(i) The importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment;

(ii) Validated assessment tools for the detection and diagnosis of cognitive impairment;

(iii) The value of a Medicare annual wellness visit or other annual physical for an individual at least 65 years old for cognitive health; [and]

(iv) The Medicare care planning billing code for individuals with cognitive impairment; and

(V) TREATMENTS APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS, INCLUDING RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES; AND

(2) Increase PUBLIC understanding and awareness of:

(i) The early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and [other types of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS;**

(ii) The value of early detection [and], diagnosis, **AND TREATMENT** of Alzheimer's disease and [other types of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS; and**

(iii) How to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, particularly among individuals in Black and Latino communities who are at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and [other types of dementia] **RELATED DEMENTIAS; AND**

(IV) TREATMENTS APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ON TREATMENT USE AND OUTCOMES, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATED TO TREATMENT OUTCOMES BASED ON BIOLOGICAL SEX.

18-111.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE-DESIGNATED HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE THAT INCLUDES IN A DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) THE PREVALENCE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS IN THE STATE;

(2) THE HOSPITALIZATION RATE RELATED TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS; AND

(3) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE PREVALENCE AND HOSPITALIZATION RATE OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS DISAGGREGATED BASED ON:

- (I) AGE, INCLUDING AGE OF DIAGNOSIS;**
 - (II) SEX;**
 - (III) RACE;**
 - (IV) ETHNICITY; ~~AND~~**
 - (V) NUMBER OF CASES BY COUNTY;**
 - (VI) CO-OCCURRENCE OF DOWN SYNDROME (TRISOMY-21);**
- AND**
- (VII) TYPE OF DEMENTIA.**

(B) THE WEBSITE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

- (1) INCLUDE THE DATA AVAILABLE FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND**
- (2) BE UPDATED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, TO INCLUDE ANY NEWLY AVAILABLE DATA.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.