

SENATE BILL 592

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by ~~Senator Jones-Rodwell~~ Senators Jones-Rodwell, Conway, Astle, Brinkley, Feldman, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, Pugh, and Ramirez

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene—Community Health Workers—~~
3 ~~Certification and Reimbursement~~

4 Workgroup on Workforce Development for Community Health Workers

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ~~to adopt~~
6 ~~regulations, on or before a certain date, that establish certification criteria and~~
7 ~~reimbursement and payment policies for community health workers; requiring~~
8 ~~the Department, if applicable, to receive certain approval from the federal~~
9 ~~Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; requiring the Department and the~~
10 Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a certain stakeholder
11 workgroup; requiring, to the extent practicable, a certain minimum percentage
12 of the membership of the workgroup to be composed of certain individuals;

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 requiring the workgroup to conduct a certain study and make certain
 2 recommendations; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and
 3 recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a
 4 certain date; and generally relating to community health workers.

5 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
 6 ~~Article — Health — General~~
 7 ~~Section 15-101(a) and (h)~~
 8 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 9 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

10 ~~BY adding to~~
 11 ~~Article — Health — General~~
 12 ~~Section 15-148~~
 13 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 14 ~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

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

17 ~~Article — Health — General~~

18 ~~15-101.~~

19 ~~(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

20 ~~(h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

21 ~~15-148.~~

22 ~~(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT~~
 23 ~~REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH:~~

24 ~~(1) CRITERIA FOR CERTIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS~~
 25 ~~AS NONCLINICAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; AND~~

26 ~~(2) PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT AND PAYMENT POLICIES FOR~~
 27 ~~COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.~~

28 ~~(B) THE CRITERIA FOR CERTIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS~~
 29 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE:~~

30 ~~(1) RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE FROM A COMMUNITY HEALTH~~
 31 ~~WORKER CURRICULUM PROGRAM THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR~~

~~(2) COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER CORE COMPETENCIES THAT INCLUDE AN INITIAL 80 HOURS OF INTENSIVE TRAINING AND 20 COMBINED HOURS OF CONTINUED EDUCATION EVERY 2 YEARS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:~~

~~(I) THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ROLE;~~

~~(II) ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCES;~~

~~(III) LEGAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES;~~

~~(IV) COORDINATION, DOCUMENTATION, AND REPORTING;~~

~~(V) COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND CULTURAL COMPETENCE;~~

~~(VI) THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER IN HEALTH PROMOTION;~~

~~(VII) ACCESSING MEDICATIONS AND CARE RESOURCES;~~

~~(VIII) ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT BY NONCOMPLIANT PATIENTS;~~

~~(IX) PERSONAL CARE AND STRESS;~~

~~(X) COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SKILLS; AND~~

~~(XI) CORE DISEASE AND HEALTH ISSUE TRAINING.~~

~~(C) IF APPLICABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK ANY APPROVAL NECESSARY FROM THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO REIMBURSE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR PROVIDING PREVENTIVE SERVICES.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly shall establish a stakeholder workgroup on workforce development for community health workers.

(b) To the extent practicable, at least 50% of the membership of the workgroup shall be composed of individuals who:

(1) are directly involved in the provision of nonclinical health care; or

1 (2) represent an institution or organization that is directly involved in
 2 the provision of nonclinical health care.

3 ~~(b)~~ (c) The workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding:

4 (1) the training and credentialing required for community health
 5 workers to be certified as nonclinical health care providers; and

6 (2) reimbursement and payment policies for community health
 7 workers through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and private insurers.

8 ~~(e)~~ (d) On or before ~~December 1, 2014~~ *June 1, 2015*, the workgroup shall report
 9 its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
 10 Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
 11 Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government
 12 Operations Committee.

13 SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
 14 effect June 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.