

HB1344/966884/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1344
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rosenberg” and substitute “Rosenberg, Pendergrass, Cullison, Hill, Kelly, Krebs, McDonough, Metzgar, Miele, Morales, Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Szeliga, West, and K. Young”; in line 2, strike “Health Insurance” and substitute “Maryland Department of Health”; in the same line, strike “, Services, and Treatment”; in line 3, strike “Coverage” and substitute “Study”; strike beginning with “certain” in line 4 down through the second semicolon in line 18 and substitute “the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with certain entities, to study the use of certain existing behavioral health assessments for a certain purpose and make recommendations on certain policies and procedures; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in lines 18 and 19, strike “health insurance and” and substitute “behavioral health assessments for”; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 10, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 10, insert:

“(a) The Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with providers, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, administrative service organizations, and health maintenance organizations, shall:

(1) study the use of existing behavioral health assessments to identify enrollees and insureds at risk for opioid misuse, abuse, or other adverse outcomes after completing an appropriate course of opioids for pain management; and

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(2) make recommendations on policies and procedures to:

(i) increase the use of behavioral health assessments to identify enrollees and insureds at risk for opioid misuse, abuse, or other adverse outcomes after completing an appropriate course of opioids for pain management; and

(ii) use the behavioral health assessments as soon as an enrollee or an insured exhibits opioid dependence.

(b) On or before December 15, 2018, the Maryland Department of Health shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 25 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 26, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 27, strike “January 1, 2019” and substitute “July 1, 2018”.