

HOUSE BILL 1505

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Psychiatric Hospitals – Units Licensed as Assisted Living Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain hospitals that provide certain care in a unit that is
4 licensed as an assisted living program to authorize patients to seek insurance
5 reimbursement for certain services, bill certain patients in a certain manner, and
6 provide certain staff assistance; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality, on or
7 before a certain date, to make a certain report to certain committees of the General
8 Assembly; and generally relating to units within psychiatric hospitals that are
9 licensed as assisted living facilities.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 19–1813

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **19–1813.**

19 **A STATE OR PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES SUBACUTE**
20 **CARE TO PATIENTS IN A UNIT WITHIN THE HOSPITAL THAT IS LICENSED AS AN**
21 **ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SHALL:**

22 **(1) AUTHORIZE PATIENTS IN THE UNIT TO SEEK INSURANCE**
23 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNIT;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) BILL PATIENTS RECEIVING SERVICES IN THE UNIT IN A MANNER**
2 **THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH BILLING STANDARDS REQUIRED BY INSURANCE**
3 **CARRIERS; AND**

4 **(3) PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS SEEKING INSURANCE**
5 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE UNIT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 30,
7 2018, the Office of Health Care Quality shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and
8 the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of
9 the State Government Article, on:

10 (1) the units providing behavioral health services and operating within
11 psychiatric hospitals that are licensed as assisted living programs; and

12 (2) whether the licensure of each unit as an assisted living program is
13 appropriate.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2018.