

HOUSE BILL 601

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ENROLLED BILL

— Health and Government Operations/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Ghrist, Arentz, Jacobs, Kelly, and Valentino-Smith**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Provider Panels – ~~Registered Psychology Associates~~**
3 **Providers of Community-Based Health Services**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier from rejecting a provider who provides
5 community-based health services for an accredited program ~~solely~~ because the
6 provider *practices within the scope of the provider's license and* is a registered
7 psychology associate; *altering the reason for which a carrier is prohibited from*
8 *rejecting a certain provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel*; making
9 a stylistic change; and generally relating to health insurance and provider panels.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Insurance
12 Section 15-112(g)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – Insurance
 3 Section 15–112(g)(2)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Insurance**

9 15–112.

10 (g) (1) A provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of a carrier shall
 11 submit an application to the carrier.

12 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph and paragraph (3)
 13 of this subsection, the carrier, after reviewing the application, shall accept or reject the
 14 provider for participation on the carrier’s provider panel.

15 (ii) A carrier may not reject a provider who provides
 16 community-based health services for a program accredited under COMAR 10.63.02 for
 17 participation on the carrier’s provider panel ~~solely~~ because the provider **PRACTICES**
 18 **WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROVIDER’S LICENSE AND** is:

19 1. a licensed graduate social worker or a licensed master
 20 social worker, as those terms are defined in § 19–101 of the Health Occupations Article;
 21 [or]

22 2. a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed
 23 graduate marriage and family therapist, a licensed graduate professional art therapist, or
 24 a licensed graduate professional counselor, as those terms are defined in § 17–101 of the
 25 Health Occupations Article; **OR**

26 **3. A REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATE, AS DEFINED**
 27 **IN § 18–101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.**

28 (iii) If the carrier rejects the provider for participation on the carrier’s
 29 provider panel, the carrier shall send to the provider at the address listed in the application
 30 written notice of the rejection.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 32 October 1, 2020.