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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Community Programs - Reimbursement**
3 **Rates**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt
5 regulations to adjust, beginning with Fiscal Year 1998, the reimbursement rates
6 annually for certain services through the Developmental Disabilities
7 Administration, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, and the Mental
8 Hygiene Administration; specifying that the adjustments shall be made according to
9 certain allocations provided in the State budget for State employees; and generally
10 relating to the reimbursement rates for community programs funded byDHMH.

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 7-306.2, 8-207, and 15-130
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Health - General**

19 7-306.2.

20 (A) CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY
21 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADJUST ANNUALLY, FOR CHANGES IN THE COST OF
22 LIVING, THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR COMMUNITY
23 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

24 (B) THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL:

25 (1) BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL
26 INCREASE PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

27 (2) BE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR;

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1 (3) BE MADE BEGINNING WITH THE 1998 FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE
2 TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE
3 ADMINISTRATION; AND

4 (4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDED
5 BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

6 (C) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR
7 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE USED ONLY
8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE
9 PROGRAMS.

10 8-207.

11 (A) CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY
12 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADJUST ANNUALLY, FOR CHANGES IN THE COST OF
13 LIVING, THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCY REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR COMMUNITY
14 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG
15 DEPENDENCE.

16 (B) THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL:

17 (1) BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL
18 INCREASE PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

19 (2) BE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR;

20 (3) BE MADE BEGINNING WITH THE 1998 FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE
21 TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE
22 ADMINISTRATION; AND

23 (4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDED
24 BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

25 (C) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR
26 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE USED ONLY
27 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE
28 PROGRAMS.

29 15-130.

30 (A) CONSISTENT WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY
31 SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADJUST ANNUALLY, FOR CHANGES IN THE COST OF
32 LIVING, THE PER DIEM MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND THE
33 MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
34 PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH
35 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS.

36 (B) THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL:

37 (1) BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PERCENTAGE OF THE ANNUAL
38 INCREASE PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE BUDGET;

39 (2) BE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR;

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1 (3) BE MADE BEGINNING WITH THE 1998 FISCAL YEAR BASED ON THE
2 TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE MENTAL
3 HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION; AND

4 (4) BE APPLIED TO ALL PROVIDERS OF COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC
5 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
6 FUNDED BY THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.

7 (C) FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR
8 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION
9 SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING COST OF LIVING
10 ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE PROGRAMS.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 1996.