
By: **Delegate Hurson**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Outpatient Mental Health Clinics - ~~Grant~~ Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue
4 ~~after June 30, 1998~~ from July 1, 1998 until June 30, 1999, a certain transitional
5 ~~grant~~ funding option that was in effect for certain outpatient mental health
6 clinics on a certain date; providing that this Act may not be construed to prohibit
7 the Secretary from increasing a certain rate of reimbursement; providing for the
8 effective date of this Act; and generally relating to funding for certain outpatient
9 mental health clinics.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 1-101(a) and (i) and 10-902
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Health - General
17 Section 10-902.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health - General

2 1-101.

3 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (i) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

5 10-902.

6 (a) (1) In accordance with the State budget and the rules and regulations
7 that the Secretary adopts, the Secretary may make grants from or agreements for the
8 use of State and federal funds to help public agencies or nonprofit organizations
9 establish and operate local mental health programs to provide the following:

10 (i) Inpatient services.

11 (ii) Outpatient services.

12 (iii) Partial care services, including day care services and night care
13 services.

14 (iv) 24-hour emergency services.

15 (v) Aftercare services.

16 (vi) Consultation services.

17 (vii) Education services.

18 (viii) Other preventive or rehabilitation services or treatment.

19 (ix) Community residential programs for children and adolescents.

20 (2) Research and training that are designed to improve or extend these
21 services are proper items of expense.22 (b) (1) Services under this section shall be provided by public agencies or,
23 under contract, by nonprofit organizations and private community-based
24 organizations.25 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Secretary from contracting
26 with individual licensed mental health care providers, including psychiatrists,
27 psychologists, social workers, and psychiatric nurses.

28 10-902.1.

29 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION, THE SECRETARY
30 SHALL CONTINUE AFTER ~~JUNE 30, 1998~~ FROM JULY 1, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1999, THE
31 TRANSITION ~~GRANT~~ FUNDING OPTION THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR PARTICIPATING

1 OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS ON ~~JANUARY 1, 1998~~ JULY 1, 1997, AS
2 SPECIFIED IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS 10.21.25.01F.

3 (B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY
4 FROM INCREASING THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE TRANSITION ~~GRANT~~
5 FUNDING OPTION THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS
6 ON ~~JANUARY 1, 1998~~ JULY 1, 1997, AS SPECIFIED IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND
7 REGULATIONS 10.21.25.01F.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 1998.