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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Social Workers - Case Management - Standards of Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners to adopt
4 certain regulations governing the practice of case management by social
5 workers; and generally relating to the practice of case management by social
6 workers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health Occupations
9 Section 19-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Health Occupations**

15 19-205.

16 (A) In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the
17 Board has the following powers and duties:

18 (1) To adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title;

19 (2) To adopt a code of ethics;

20 (3) To adopt an official seal;

21 (4) To hold hearings and keep records and minutes necessary for the
22 orderly conduct of business; and

23 (5) To issue a list annually of all currently licensed social workers.

24 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF
25 CASE MANAGEMENT BY A SOCIAL WORKER THAT:

1 (1) DEFINE THE TYPES OF CASE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS
2 APPROPRIATE TO EACH LEVEL OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE;

3 (2) PROMOTE CLIENT SELF-DETERMINATION;

4 (3) ASSURE APPROPRIATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLIENT INFORMATION;
5 AND

6 (4) PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER
7 HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND DISCIPLINES.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1999.