

HOUSE BILL 499

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Primary Care Physicians – Reimbursement for Treatment**
3 **of Psychiatric Disorders**

4 FOR the purpose of providing certain primary care physicians an entitlement to
5 health insurance reimbursement for treatment of psychiatric disorders under
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to health insurance
7 reimbursement of primary care physicians for treatment of psychiatric
8 disorders.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Insurance
11 Section 15–701(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Insurance**

17 15–701.

18 (a) (1) This subsection applies to each individual or group health
19 insurance policy, contract, or certificate that is:

20 (i) delivered or issued for delivery in the State by an insurer or
21 nonprofit health service plan; and

22 (ii) issued, renewed, amended, or reissued on or after July 1,
23 1984.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of a policy, contract, or
2 certificate subject to this subsection[,]:

3 (I) if the policy, contract, or certificate provides for
4 reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a health care
5 provider licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the insured or any other
6 person covered by or entitled to reimbursement under the policy, contract, or
7 certificate is entitled to reimbursement for the service; **AND**

8 **(II) IF THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE PROVIDES**
9 **FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TREATMENT OF A PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER, A**
10 **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN WHO IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR**
11 **PRIMARY CARE SERVICES UNDER THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE IS**
12 **ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR TREATMENT OF A PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2008.