

**HB1252/336986/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1252

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and V. Turner” and substitute “V. Turner, Donoghue, Frank, Krebs, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Pendergrass, Ready, and Reznik”; strike beginning with the second “the” in line 4 down through “change” in line 14 and substitute “entities that propose to issue or deliver certain insurance policies or contracts in the State or to administer health benefit programs that provide certain coverage to ensure that, when conducting utilization review for mental health and substance use benefits, the criteria and standards used are in compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act”; in line 15, strike “by private review agents”; in line 20, strike “15-10B-05(a)(11) and 15-10B-11(8)” and substitute “15-1001(b)”; and strike in their entirety lines 23 through 27, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 2 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“15-1001.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, each entity subject to this section shall:

(i) **1.** have a certificate issued under Subtitle 10B of this title; or

**[(ii)] 2.** contract with a private review agent that has a certificate issued under Subtitle 10B of this title; AND

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**(II) WHEN CONDUCTING UTILIZATION REVIEW FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE BENEFITS, ENSURE THAT THE CRITERIA AND STANDARDS USED ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT.**

(2) For hospital services, each entity subject to this section may contract with or delegate utilization review to a hospital utilization review program approved under § 19-319(d) of the Health – General Article.”.