

# HOUSE BILL 579

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Health – Wraparound Services for Children and Youth**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, for a certain fiscal year and for each fiscal year  
4 thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide certain  
5 wraparound services for a certain number of children or youth who meet certain  
6 eligibility criteria; defining certain terms; and generally relating to mental health  
7 and wraparound services for children and youth.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 10–1501 and 10–1502 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15. Wraparound  
11 Services for Children and Youth”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2015 Replacement Volume)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, Wraparound is a research–based practice model shown to produce  
16 better outcomes and reduce costs by serving children and youth with severe mental health  
17 problems in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Maryland has been implementing wraparound throughout the State for  
19 over a decade; and

20 WHEREAS, Since the implementation of wraparound in the State, placements of  
21 children and youth with severe mental health problems in residential treatment centers  
22 and group homes have declined significantly, resulting in improved outcomes and lower  
23 cost; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Programs that provided wraparound to children and youth with severe  
2 mental health problems, regardless of the income or insurance status of their families, have  
3 ended; and

4 WHEREAS, The recently implemented 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment,  
5 intended to provide wraparound to children and youth with severe mental health problems,  
6 is available only to a small population of children and youth because the medical necessity  
7 criteria are more stringent than the requirements for wraparound and the family of a child  
8 or youth must be Medicaid eligible and make below 151% of the federal poverty level; now,  
9 therefore,

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

12 **Article – Health – General**

13 **SUBTITLE 15. WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

14 **10–1501.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
16 **INDICATED.**

17 **(B) “1915(I) MODEL” MEANS THE WRAPAROUND SERVICE DELIVERY**  
18 **MODEL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AS**  
19 **DESCRIBED IN COMAR 10.09.89.05.A THROUGH D AND 10.09.89.09 THROUGH 14.**

20 **(C) (1) “WRAPAROUND SERVICES” MEANS SERVICES PROVIDED TO**  
21 **CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND THEIR**  
22 **FAMILIES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

23 **(2) “WRAPAROUND SERVICES” INCLUDES:**

24 **(I) INTENSIVE CARE COORDINATION;**

25 **(II) CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS; AND**

26 **(III) PLANS OF CARE THAT ARE INDIVIDUALIZED TO EACH**  
27 **FAMILY AND INCLUDE:**

28 **1. FORMAL SUPPORTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL OR**  
29 **FAMILY THERAPY; AND**

30 **2. INFORMAL SUPPORTS, INCLUDING:**

- 1           **A. INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES;**
  - 2           **B. RESPITE CARE;**
  - 3           **C. MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION;**
  - 4           **D. FAMILY PEER SUPPORT;**
  - 5           **E. EXPERIENTIAL THERAPIES; AND**
  - 6           **F. FLEXIBLE FUNDS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES THAT**  
7 **ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN OF CARE.**
- 8 **10-1502.**

9           **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
10 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE**  
11 **WRAPAROUND SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1915(I) MODEL FOR 300**  
12 **CHILDREN OR YOUTH WITH INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS WHO:**

13                   **(1) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR WRAPAROUND SERVICES UNDER A**  
14 **1915(I) MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT; AND**

15                   **(2) WITHOUT WRAPAROUND SERVICES, ARE AT RISK OF HAVING TO:**

16                           **(I) LEAVE AN IN-HOME PLACEMENT FOR AN OUT-OF-HOME**  
17 **PLACEMENT; OR**

18                           **(II) RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY FROM AN OUT-OF-HOME**  
19 **PLACEMENT WITHOUT RECEIVING INTENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS.**

20           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June**  
21 **1, 2016.**