

Chapter 768

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder –  
Identification and Posting Notice of Guidelines Information**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to ~~develop~~ identify, in consultation with ~~the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a certain notice that explains the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the treatment of~~ certain stakeholders, certain information relating to attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in children and adolescents and to post the notice in a certain form on a certain; requiring the Department to post certain information in a certain form on the Department’s Web site; ~~requiring certain health care practitioners to publicly and conspicuously display the notice in a certain office;~~ defining a certain term; and generally relating to the identification and notice posting of guidelines information for the treatment of children and adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations  
Section 1–207.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health Occupations**

**1–207.1.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ~~DEVELOP IDENTIFY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS~~ STAKEHOLDERS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE, A NOTICE WRITTEN IN LAYMAN’S LANGUAGE THAT EXPLAINS THE GUIDELINES OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE TREATMENT OF UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, WRITTEN INFORMATION

RELATING TO ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS THAT:

(I) HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS, MENTAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, AND NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SPECIALIZING IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER;

(II) IS DESIGNED FOR USE BY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER;

(III) IS CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF THE INFORMATION; AND

(IV) INCLUDES:

1. TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER, INCLUDING MEDICATION USAGE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND NONPHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTION STRATEGIES; AND

2. CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES; AND

(2) POST THE ~~NOTICE~~ INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN PRINTABLE FORM ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE THAT MAY BE ACCESSED BY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS ENGAGED IN TREATING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FOR ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER.

~~(C) IF A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IS ENGAGED IN TREATING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FOR ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER, THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL PUBLICLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAY THE NOTICE DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IN EACH OFFICE WHERE THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IS ENGAGED IN PRACTICE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.