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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Maternal Mental Health**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
4 consultation with stakeholders, to identify certain information about perinatal mood
5 and anxiety disorders; requiring the Department to make available certain
6 information on the Department’s Web site and to provide certain information to
7 certain health care facilities and certain health care providers; requiring the
8 Department, in collaboration with certain professional associations and public
9 health entities, to identify and develop certain training programs; requiring the
10 Department to ~~identify methods~~ develop a plan to expand the Maryland Behavioral
11 Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care ~~Program~~ (BHIPP) program for a
12 certain purpose; requiring the Department, in collaboration with certain affected
13 stakeholders, to develop the plan; requiring the Department, in developing the plan,
14 to identify and address certain issues; requiring the Department to submit the plan
15 to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining
16 certain terms; and generally relating to maternal mental health.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health – General
19 Section 20–1801 ~~through 20–1803~~ and 20–1802 to be under the new subtitle
20 “Subtitle 18. Maternal Mental Health”
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 **SUBTITLE 18. MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH.**

5 **20–1801.**

6 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
7 INDICATED.

8 (2) (I) “HEALTH CARE FACILITY” MEANS A FACILITY OR AN OFFICE
9 WHERE HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE IS PROVIDED TO PATIENTS BY A HEALTH CARE
10 PROVIDER.

11 (II) “HEALTH CARE FACILITY” INCLUDES A HOSPITAL AND A
12 LIMITED SERVICE HOSPITAL.

13 (3) “HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED,
14 CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
15 ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF
16 BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION.

17 (4) “HOSPITAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19–301 OF THIS
18 ARTICLE.

19 (5) “LIMITED SERVICE HOSPITAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
20 19–301 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL
22 IDENTIFY UP-TO-DATE, EVIDENCE-BASED, WRITTEN INFORMATION ABOUT
23 PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS THAT:

24 (1) HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY MEDICAL EXPERTS AND NATIONAL AND
25 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SPECIALIZING IN MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH;

26 (2) IS DESIGNED FOR USE BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND
27 PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES;

28 (3) IS CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE FOR
29 POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF THE INFORMATION; AND

30 (4) INCLUDES:

1 **(I) INFORMATION ADDRESSING:**

- 2 1. **THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PERINATAL MOOD AND**
3 **ANXIETY DISORDERS;**
- 4 2. **PERINATAL MEDICATION USAGE;**
- 5 3. **RISK FACTORS OF PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY**
6 **DISORDERS, INCLUDING PERINATAL LOSS AND HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY;**
- 7 4. **HOW AND WHEN TO SCREEN FOR SYMPTOMS OF**
8 **PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS;**
- 9 5. **BRIEF INTERVENTION STRATEGIES; AND**
- 10 6. **EVIDENCE-BASED PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENTS; AND**

11 **(II) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL**
12 **MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.**

13 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

14 **(1) PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT**
15 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND**
16 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE PRENATAL CARE, LABOR AND DELIVERY**
17 **SERVICES, AND POSTNATAL CARE TO EXPECTANT PARENTS; AND**

18 **(2) MAKE THE INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT**
19 **UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEB**
20 **SITE.**

21 **20-1802.**

22 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH MEDCHI, THE**
23 **MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, THE MARYLAND NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE**
24 **MARYLAND AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE MIDWIVES, THE**
25 **MARYLAND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, AND ANY OTHER HEALTH**
26 **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OR PUBLIC HEALTH ENTITY IN THE STATE IDENTIFIED**
27 **BY THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT**
28 **IMPROVE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION AND PERINATAL**
29 **MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS.**

1 **(B) THE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
2 **SHALL INCLUDE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS DEVELOPED BY**
3 **ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR**
4 **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

5 ~~20-1803.~~

6 ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY METHODS TO EXPAND THE BEHAVIORAL~~
7 ~~HEALTH INTEGRATION IN PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM TO ASSIST~~
8 ~~OBSTETRIC, PRIMARY CARE, PEDIATRIC, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN~~
9 ~~ADDRESSING THE EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF PREGNANT AND~~
10 ~~POSTPARTUM WOMEN.~~

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with affected
13 stakeholders, shall develop a statewide plan to expand the Maryland Behavioral Health
14 Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program to assist obstetric, primary care,
15 pediatric, and other health care providers in addressing the emotional and mental health
16 needs of pregnant and postpartum women.

17 (b) The affected stakeholders with whom the Department collaborates under
18 subsection (a) of this section shall include:

19 (1) the directors of the Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in
20 Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program; and

21 (2) any other public or private institution or organization with links to the
22 targeted populations of providers and patients that the Department considers appropriate.

23 (c) In developing the plan required under subsection (a) of this section, the
24 Department shall identify and address:

25 (1) the scope of emotional and mental health conditions to be included in
26 the plan;

27 (2) methods to accomplish provider outreach and education;

28 (3) staffing requirements;

29 (4) consultation standards;

30 (5) clinical resources; and

31 (6) funding requirements and mechanisms.

1 (d) On or before December 1, 2017, the Department, in accordance with § 2-1246
2 of the State Government Article, shall submit the plan developed under this section to the
3 Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

4 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 ~~October~~ July 1, 2017.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.