

HOUSE BILL 887

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – ~~Preauthorization for Drug Products to Treat Substance Use~~**
3 **~~Disorders~~ Prior Authorization for Drug Products to Treat an Opioid Use**
4 **Disorder – Prohibition**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
6 maintenance organizations from applying a preauthorization requirement for
7 certain drug products under certain circumstances; providing for the application of
8 this Act; ~~providing for a delayed effective date~~ making this Act an emergency
9 measure; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for drug products to
10 treat ~~substance use disorders~~ opioid use disorders.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Insurance
13 Section 15–850
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Insurance**

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 15-850.

2 (A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

3 (I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT
4 PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS OR PRESCRIPTION
5 DRUGS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR
6 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

7 (II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
8 COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS OR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
9 UNDER INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE
10 STATE.

11 (2) AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH
12 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE
13 DISORDER BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICAL BENEFIT OR FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
14 THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
15 THIS SECTION.

16 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT APPLY A PRIOR
17 AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR A PRESCRIPTION DRUG:

18 (1) WHEN USED FOR TREATMENT OF AN OPIOID USE DISORDER; AND

19 (2) THAT CONTAINS METHADONE, BUPRENORPHINE, OR ~~INJECTABLE~~
20 NALTREXONE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
22 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
23 after ~~January 1, 2018~~ the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect~~
25 ~~January 1, 2018~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of
26 the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths
27 of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall
28 take effect from the date it is enacted.