

# HOUSE BILL 1288

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Insurance Administration – Workgroup on the Provision and**  
3 **Coverage of Behavioral Health Crisis Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to convene a  
5 workgroup that includes certain individuals and interested stakeholders to identify  
6 barriers to the provision of behavioral health crisis services and coverage of the  
7 services by health insurance carriers; requiring the workgroup to identify barriers  
8 to the provision and coverage of certain services and treatment; authorizing the  
9 workgroup to examine certain issues; requiring the Administration to report certain  
10 findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the General Assembly on or  
11 before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup to identify barriers to  
12 the provision and coverage of behavioral health crisis services.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That:

15 (a) (1) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall convene a workgroup of  
16 health insurance carrier representatives, community mental health and substance use  
17 disorder providers, and other interested stakeholders to identify barriers to the provision  
18 of behavioral health crisis services and coverage of the services by health insurance  
19 carriers.

20 (2) The workgroup shall identify barriers to the provision and coverage of:

21 (i) residential crisis services as defined in § 15–840 of the Insurance  
22 Article;

23 (ii) medically monitored inpatient withdrawal management as  
24 defined by the American Society of Addiction Medicine 3.7–WM level of care;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (iii) clinical crisis walk-in services;
- 2 (iv) mobile crisis team services;
- 3 (v) medication-assisted treatment; and
- 4 (vi) other relevant behavioral health crisis services.
- 5 (3) The workgroup may examine issues relating to:
- 6 (i) the credentialing of behavioral health crisis service providers;
- 7 (ii) reimbursement rates and how reimbursement is structured
- 8 under health benefit plans;
- 9 (iii) utilization review and medical necessity criteria; and
- 10 (iv) the adequacy of health insurance carrier provider networks to
- 11 meet the behavioral health needs of enrollees who are in crisis.
- 12 (b) On or before December 1, 2017, the Maryland Insurance Administration shall
- 13 report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the General Assembly in
- 14 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.
- 15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
- 16 1, 2017.