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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 772
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Medical Assistance Program” and substitute “Department of Health”; in the same line, strike “Clinical” and substitute “Reimbursement for”; in line 3, after “Specialists” insert “- Workgroup and Report”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 4 down through “by” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Secretary of Health to convene a stakeholder workgroup to make findings and recommendations on issues related to the reimbursement of certified peer recovery specialists; requiring the workgroup to include representatives of certain persons; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a workgroup to study and report on the reimbursement of”; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 16, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 16, insert:

“(a) The Secretary of Health shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to make findings and recommendations on issues related to the reimbursement of certified peer recovery specialists, including:

- (1) whether statutory or regulatory changes are required; and
- (2) whether an amendment to the State plan or waiver under the federal Social Security Act is required.

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(b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include representatives of the Maryland Department of Health, behavioral health providers, certified peer recovery specialists, advocacy organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

(c) On or before December 1, 2018, the Secretary of Health shall submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 6 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 7, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in line 8, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2018.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2018, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.