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House Bill 897 (Delegate Rosenberg)
Health and Government Operations

**Health - Psychiatric Hospitals - Units Licensed as Limited Private Inpatient
Facilities**

This bill requires a State or private psychiatric hospital that provides subacute care in a unit that is licensed as a limited private inpatient facility to (1) authorize patients to seek insurance reimbursement for services provided by the unit; (2) bill patients receiving services in a manner that is consistent with billing standards required by insurance carriers; and (3) provide staff assistance to patients seeking insurance reimbursement for services provided. By December 31, 2019, the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) must submit a report to specified committees of the General Assembly.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: OHCQ can handle the bill's reporting requirement with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: OHCQ must report on (1) the units providing behavioral health services and operating within psychiatric hospitals that are licensed as limited private inpatient facilities; (2) whether the licensure of each unit as a limited private inpatient facility is appropriate; (3) the number of patients in units providing behavioral health services and operating within psychiatric hospitals that are licensed as limited private inpatient facilities who have had all or part of their bills for treatment paid through insurance; and (4) the

percentage of gross revenues of a unit providing behavioral health services and operating within a psychiatric hospital that is licensed as a limited private inpatient facility that are paid by the patient, through insurance, or by other entities.

Current Law/Background: OHCQ advises that, as of March 2019, only one psychiatric hospital in the State is licensed as a psychiatric hospital that provides subacute care in a unit that is licensed as a limited private inpatient facility, the Retreat at Sheppard Pratt. The Retreat at Sheppard Pratt is a 16-bed residential program that offers intensive and personalized assessment and treatment programs. The program is self-pay and does not participate with insurance.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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