

HOUSE BILL 71

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Sample-Hughes**

Requested: October 30, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program**
3 **Services – Reimbursement**
4 **(Youth Psychiatric Rehabilitation Parity Act of 2026)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations
6 requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse a psychiatric
7 rehabilitation program for a minimum and maximum number of psychiatric
8 rehabilitation community psychiatric support services delivered to certain
9 individuals each month; and generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance
10 Program and reimbursement for psychiatric rehabilitation program services.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 15–103.9
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **15–103.9.**

20 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE PROGRAM**
21 **TO REIMBURSE A PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR PSYCHIATRIC**
22 **REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC SUPPORT SERVICES FOR A**
23 **MINIMUM OF 6 SERVICES AND A MAXIMUM OF 30 SERVICES PER MONTH FOR**
24 **SERVICES DELIVERED ON-SITE OR OFF-SITE TO AN INDIVIDUAL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) WITH A SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE OR A SERIOUS AND**
2 **PERSISTENT MENTAL DISORDER;**

3 **(2) WHOSE FUNCTIONING IS SEVERELY IMPAIRED; AND**

4 **(3) WHO IS LIVING WITH A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR RELATIVE WHO IS**
5 **LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL’S CARE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of
7 Health shall adopt the regulations required under § 15–103.9 of the Health – General
8 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before December 1, 2026.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
10 1, 2026.