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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

House Bill 529 (The Speaker)(By Request - Department of Legislative Services - Code Revision)

Health Finance

Code Revision - Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program

This bill revises, restates, and recodifies the laws of the State related to the Maryland Medicaid program. The bill clarifies language and makes technical and stylistic changes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's provisions are intended as nonsubstantive revisions, restatements, and recodifications; there is no fiscal impact.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The bill repeals, recodifies, and reorganizes Medicaid provisions, including correcting cross-references and making stylistic changes. The terms "alcohol and drug abuse," "substance abuse," and "substance abusing" are replaced with "substance use disorder" and "with substance use disorders" to reflect terminology currently used in the behavioral health community. The bill also repeals and repeats specified provisions as they relate to the Maryland Children's Health Program to reflect the reorganization of the title.

The bill states the intent of the General Assembly that, except as expressly provided, the bill must be construed as a nonsubstantive revision and may not otherwise be construed to

make any substantive change in the law. Any revisor's notes in the bill are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of the bill.

The bill authorizes the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), to correct cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by the bill or by any other Act of the General Assembly of 2026 that affects provisions enacted by the bill with no further action required by the General Assembly. The publisher must adequately describe any correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

Additional Comments: While not part of the DLS formal code revision project, which was completed in 2016 with the reenactment of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, this revision was initiated by DLS under its statutory responsibility to maintain the clarity, simplicity, and consistency of style of statutory law.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 244 (The President)(By Request - Department of Legislative Services - Code Revision) - Finance.

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