

April 3, 2020

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 3, 2020, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 448 **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**

Chapter 15

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH AND SHORTAGE

Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through telehealth interactions; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings and, if clinically appropriate, provide or refer a patient for in–patient services or another type of telehealth service; prohibiting a health care practitioner from prescribing a certain opiate through telehealth except under certain circumstances; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 402 **Senators Kagan and Lam**

Chapter 16

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH AND SHORTAGE

Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings and, if clinically appropriate, provide or refer a patient for in–patient services or another type of telehealth service; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a certain evaluation; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1208

Chapter 17

Delegate Shetty, et al

**TELEHEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC CONDITION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – COVERAGE AND PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply, on or before December 1, 2020, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to certain waivers to implement a pilot program to provide certain telehealth services to recipients under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 502

Chapter 18

Senators Hershey and Ferguson

**TELEHEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH AND CHRONIC CONDITION
MANAGEMENT SERVICES – COVERAGE AND PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to a certain limitation, mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; altering the definition of telehealth as it applies to certain entities; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to certain waivers to implement a pilot program to provide telehealth services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Sincerely,

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