

**HB 152 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020  
House Appropriations Committee Feb 27, 2020**

**OPPOSE**

*MDDCSAM is the Maryland state chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine whose members are physicians and other health care providers who treat people with substance use disorder.*

The 4% increase in Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health providers that the Maryland General Assembly had agreed to must be preserved.

It is a critical part of the response to the ongoing opioid crisis, as well as the worsening suicide rate in Maryland.

Severe shortages persist in treatment availability for Marylanders affected by both substance use disorder and mental health disorders. Inadequate access to care for these treatable disorders can be tragic.

The Maryland-DC Society of Addiction Medicine is opposed to any reduction in the promised 4% rate of increase in reimbursements for behavioral health providers and the other health providers for whom this rate was deemed necessary.

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