



**Senate Finance Committee  
January 15, 2020**

**Senate Bill 113  
Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Definitions of Provider and  
Health Care Services**

**Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports Senate Bill 113. This bill will hold insurance carriers to the existing credentialing time-table when considering health care facilities, including substance use and mental health disorder treatment programs. More timely decisions regarding credentialing should improve access to care.

In addition, NCADD-Maryland's partners who provide direct treatment would like to see the law enhanced further, by prohibiting carriers who credential facilities to also require each clinician in its employ to be individually credentialed, when the facility is the billing entity. This adds unnecessary delays in a program's ability to bill and be reimbursed for services, especially when program staff turnover occurs, which is often in a field where a workforce shortage exists.

We urge your support of Senate Bill 113 and consideration of its expansion as described above.

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