

health disparities and improve service utilization.^{1,9} The Surgeon General states that, “Employers can play an outsized role in supporting the mental health of children and young people, [by providing] access to comprehensive, affordable, and age-appropriate mental health care for all employees and their families, including dependent children.”¹ As such, requiring reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits is a critical step to ensuring that children in Maryland are properly identified when in need of behavioral health services and would send a clear message to Marylanders that mental health and well-being are priorities equal in importance to physical health and well-being.

Kennedy Krieger Institute requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 124.

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