

CHAPTER 487

(Senate Bill 636)

AN ACT concerning

Child Sexual Abuse Victims – Examinations – Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of providing that a physician and certain ~~hospital personnel~~ other professionals may receive payment from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for certain services provided to a victim of alleged child sexual abuse; specifying that a physician or ~~hospital~~ certain other professionals provide certain counseling to victims of alleged child sexual abuse; defining certain terms; and generally relating to payment by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to a physician or ~~hospital~~ certain other professionals for certain services a physician or ~~hospital~~ certain other professionals ~~provides~~ provide to a victim of alleged child sexual abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 15-127
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

15-127.

(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) “CHILD” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(2) “INITIAL ASSESSMENT” INCLUDES:

(I) A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION;

(II) PARENTAL INTERVIEW; AND

(III) MEDICAL EVALUATION.

(2) (3) (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, “SEXUAL ABUSE” MEANS ANY ACT THAT INVOLVES SEXUAL MOLESTATION OR EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD WHETHER OR NOT THE SEXUAL MOLESTATION OR EXPLOITATION OF THE CHILD IS BY A PARENT OR OTHER PERSON WHO HAS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY CARE OR CUSTODY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD, OR BY