

(9) "PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE OR THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(B) A CARRIER THAT OWNS OR CONTRACTS WITH A MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO ITS MEMBERS AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT AN EXPLANATION OF:

(1) THE SPECIFIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES COVERED AND THE SPECIFIC EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE MEMBER'S CONTRACT;

(2) THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES;

(3) THE REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY THAT THE CARRIER AND MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION USE TO REIMBURSE PROVIDERS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES; AND

(4) THE PROCEDURE THAT A MEMBER MUST UTILIZE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTSIDE THE NETWORK OF PROVIDERS USED BY THE CARRIER OR MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION.

(C) THE EXPLANATION THAT A CARRIER IS REQUIRED TO DISTRIBUTE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH § 15-121(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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~~(D)~~ (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH CARRIER THAT PROVIDES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH A COMPANY OWNED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY THE CARRIER OR THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH A MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER, ON THE FORM REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE MENTAL HEALTH EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO MEMBERS.

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY WHEN A COMPANY, FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ONLY, SOLELY ARRANGES A PROVIDER PANEL FOR A CARRIER FOR THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES ON A DISCOUNTED FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS.

~~(E) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~