

~~alcohol; establishing a certain minimum days of care for patients at the rehabilitative level in alcohol and drug abuse facilities; requiring that a certain number of physicians certify in writing what level of care is necessary for a patient; and generally relating to managed care for the allocation of alcohol and drug abuse insurance benefits requiring certain private review agents who perform certain reviews of health care services related to the treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse, or mental illness to meet certain requirements under certain conditions; defining a certain term; requiring certain private review agents to file certain standards and criteria with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, hospital utilization review programs, and certain intermediate care facilities; requiring the Secretary to provide a copy of certain standards and criteria upon written request; authorizing the Secretary to establish a certain fee; prohibiting a private review agent from revising or modifying certain criteria or standards under certain circumstances; specifying that any determination to deny or reduce coverage shall be made by certain persons; requiring certain private review agents to meet certain conditions when making a certain final determination; providing for a certain study; requiring that a certain final determination be stated in writing including certain criteria; and generally relating to the utilization review of services related to the treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse, or mental illness.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 490F

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 5 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-1305.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation was enacted that mandated that group health insurers provide certain minimum benefits for the treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The minimum benefits for the treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse in any calendar or policy year were set at:~~

~~(1) 7 days of emergency care or detoxification in an acute general hospital or a nonhospital detoxification facility;~~

~~(2) 30 days care for the treatment of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, or alcoholism in an alcohol and drug abuse facility; and~~