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CHAPTER 432

(House Bill 782)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Alcoholic Rehabilitation Benefits

FOR the purpose of providing that nonprofit health service[, individual,] and other group health insurance policies shall offer [[medical]] benefits for expenses arising from certain alcoholic rehabilitation treatment programs, to establish minimum requirements for these benefits, and generally relating to alcoholic rehabilitation insurance benefits.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354G[[, 470G]] and 477H
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 354G[[, 470G]] and 477H be and they are hereby added to Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354G.

[[(A) EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER WHO ISSUES OR DELIVERS A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY THAT INCLUDES HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL BENEFITS TO ANY PERSON IN THIS STATE SHALL OFFER BENEFITS AT AN APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL PREMIUM FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION OF LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM CONTROL.

(B) BENEFITS SHALL PROVIDE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM CONTROL.

(C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO ALL POLICIES ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED, AMENDED, OR