

~~GROUP--WHICH--IS--INCORPORATED--IN AND OR--HAS--AN--OFFICE--WITHIN~~ this-State by a nonprofit health service organization, including both individual policies and group policies, must include benefits for expenses arising from treatment of acute mental illnesses and emotional disorders which in the professional judgment of practitioners are subject to significant improvement through short-term therapy. These benefits must be at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) [With] WITH respect to benefits for confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, the period of confinement for which benefits are payable shall be at least [thirty (30)] 30 days in any calendar year or benefit period; (2) with respect to major medical expense coverage, benefits, after the applicable deductible, for covered expenses arising from all those services, other than inpatient, which are rendered to treat acute mental illness and emotional disorders, shall be at a rate which is not less than 50 percent of the benefits which the policy provides for other types of illness.

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(a) Every ~~-[individual hospital or major medical]-~~ insurance policy,--INDIVIDUAL-POLICY,--OR--CERTIFICATE WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS WHICH IS delivered or issued for [delivery under this subtitle to any person in] DELIVERY, ~~OR--ISSUED--TO--A WITHIN THIS STATE COVERED--PERSON MARYLAND--RESIDENT WITHIN THIS STATE OR--TO--A--GROUP--WHICH--IS INCORPORATED--IN--AND--HAS--AN--OFFICE WITHIN--this--State~~ must include benefits for expenses arising from treatment of acute mental illnesses and emotional disorders which in the professional judgment of practitioners are subject to significant improvement through short-term therapy. These benefits must be at least equal to the following minimum requirements: (1) [With] WITH respect to benefits for confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, the period of confinement for which benefits are payable shall be at least [thirty (30)] 30 days in any calendar year or benefit period; (2) with respect to major medical expense coverage, benefits, after the applicable deductible, for covered expenses arising from all those services, other than inpatient, which are rendered to treat acute mental illness and emotional disorders, shall be at a rate which is not less than 50 percent of the benefits which the policy provides for other types of illness.

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(a) Every ~~-[hospital or major medical]-~~ HEALTH insurance policy,--INDIVIDUAL-POLICY,OR CERTIFICATE WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS WHICH IS delivered or issued for [delivery under this subtitle to any person in] DELIVERY, ~~OR--ISSUED--TO--A WITHIN THIS STATE COVERED--PERSON WITHIN THIS STATE OR--TO--A--GROUP--WHICH--IS--INCORPORATED--IN AND OR--HAS--AN--OFFICE--WITHIN--this--State MARYLAND--RESIDENT~~ must include benefits for expenses arising from treatment of acute mental illnesses and emotional disorders which in the