

(F) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT EXCEEDING THE MINIMUM BENEFITS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION FOR ANY PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION DAY THAT IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY AND WOULD SERVE TO PREVENT INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ALCOHOL ABUSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8-101 OF ~~THE HEALTH - GENERAL~~ THIS ARTICLE.

(3) "DRUG ABUSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8-101 OF ~~THE HEALTH - GENERAL~~ THIS ARTICLE.

(4) "MANAGED CARE SYSTEM" MEANS A METHOD THAT A CARRIER USES TO REVIEW AND PREAUTHORIZE A TREATMENT PLAN THAT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER DEVELOPS FOR A COVERED PERSON USING A VARIETY OF COST CONTAINMENT METHODS TO CONTROL UTILIZATION, QUALITY, AND CLAIMS.

(5) "PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION" MEANS THE PROVISION OF MEDICALLY DIRECTED INTENSIVE OR INTERMEDIATE SHORT-TERM TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS, EMOTIONAL DISORDERS, DRUG ABUSE OR ALCOHOL ABUSE FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS BUT MORE THAN 4 HOURS IN A DAY FOR A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER IN A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED FACILITY OR PROGRAM.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, EACH CONTRACT OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER BY A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFITS AND SERVICES FOR DISEASES MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS, EMOTIONAL DISORDER OR A DRUG ABUSE OR ALCOHOL ABUSE DISORDER BY FAILING TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF THESE ILLNESSES UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PROVIDED FOR COVERED BENEFITS OFFERED UNDER THE CONTRACT OR CERTIFICATE FOR THE TREATMENT OF PHYSICAL ILLNESS.

(2) IT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED:

(1) WITH RESPECT TO INPATIENT BENEFITS PROVIDED IN A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED FACILITY, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE HOSPITAL INPATIENT BENEFITS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE SHALL BE:

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, FROM JULY 1, 1994 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1995, AT LEAST 60 DAYS IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR OR BENEFIT PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS UNDER THE