

(3) 30 outpatient visits at a certified alcoholism and drug abuse treatment facility. Unless greater benefits are provided by the contract, the benefits for outpatient visits during any calendar year or benefit period shall be equal to 100 percent of the cost of care or \$3,000, whichever is less.

(b) Any group major medical contract, policy or certificate, including one issued by a nonprofit health service plan, that provides benefits for both hospitalization and medical care shall provide benefits equal to at least half those required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Under subsection (a) of this section, the total number of days and visits combined may be limited to 120 during the covered person's lifetime. Unless greater benefits are provided by the contract, the benefits under subsection (b) of this section during any calendar year or benefit period shall be equal to 100 percent of the cost required to be paid under subsection (b) or \$3,000, whichever is less.

(d) If the group contract issued by the insurer, including a nonprofit health insurance plan, provides for the utilization review of the benefits required under subsection (a) of this section, the private review agent performing the utilization review shall meet the requirements of Title 19, Subtitle 13 of the Health - General Article.

(e) For the purposes of this section, "drug abuse" has the meaning stated in § 8-101 of the Health - General Article.]

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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 ARTICLE.

(3) "DRUG ABUSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 8-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL 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 AN INSURED, SUBSCRIBER OR MEMBER IN A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED FACILITY OR PROGRAM.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, EACH CONTRACT OR POLICY OF HEALTH INSURANCE DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER OR AN INDIVIDUAL ON A GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL BASIS THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HEALTH CARE ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS,