

(9) Establish standards for the operation and licensing of medical care electronic claims clearinghouses in Maryland;

(10) [Foster the development of practice parameters;

(11)] Reduce the costs of claims submission and the administration of claims for health care practitioners and payors; and

[(12)] (11) Develop a uniform set of effective benefits to be offered as substantial, available, and affordable coverage in the nongroup market in accordance with § 15-606 of the Insurance Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a practice parameter adopted by the Health Care Cost and Access Commission prior to October 1, 1999 shall remain in effect, by regulation, and shall abrogate 3 years from the date of its adoption. The Commission may not readopt a practice parameter after its expiration.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved April 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 112

(House Bill 989)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists - Disciplinary and Regulatory Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to disclose any information contained in a record of the Board to certain health occupations boards on a certain request; authorizing the Board, certain officials of the Board, or the Office of the Attorney General to disclose certain information to certain persons; altering and adding certain grounds for disciplinary action by the Board; authorizing the Board to impose a certain monetary penalty under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to pay a certain penalty into the General Fund of the State; authorizing rather than requiring the Board to direct a certain licensee to submit to a certain examination under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain stay of or challenge to the hearing of certain charges under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain stay of a certain decision of the Board pending certain judicial review; authorizing an action to be maintained in the name of the State or the Board to enjoin certain conduct; authorizing a certain action to be brought by the Board or certain State officials; requiring a certain action to be brought in a certain county; providing that certain proof is not required under certain circumstances; specifying that a certain action is in addition to and not instead of a certain prosecution or disciplinary action; and generally relating to the