

(4) THE PROCEDURE THAT A MEMBER MUST UTILIZE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTSIDE THE NETWORK OF PROVIDERS USED BY THE CARRIER OR MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION.

(C) THE EXPLANATION THAT A CARRIER IS REQUIRED TO DISTRIBUTE UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH § 15-121(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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15-126.

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH CARRIER THAT PROVIDES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH A COMPANY OWNED WHOLLY OR IN PART BY THE CARRIER OR THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH A MANAGED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION SHALL FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER, ON THE FORM REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE MENTAL HEALTH EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO MEMBERS.

(2) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY WHEN A COMPANY, FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE ONLY, SOLELY ARRANGES A PROVIDER PANEL FOR A CARRIER FOR THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES ON A DISCOUNTED FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS.

~~(E) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Develop Performance Quality Measures for Managed Behavioral Health Care Organizations.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 10 members:

(1) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) The Executive Director of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(3) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner;

(4) One representative of the managed behavioral health care organization industry, appointed by the Secretary Health Care Access and Cost Commission;