

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 109

(Senate Bill 432)

AN ACT concerning

~~Developmental Disabilities - Community Supports - Reimbursement Rate~~
~~Community Providers - Developmentally Disabled Individuals - Rate~~
Increase

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to increase the rate of reimbursement paid to community providers of services to developmentally disabled individuals ~~with developmental disabilities~~ in a manner that reduces a certain disparity amount by certain percentages beginning on a certain date; requiring the Department to determine by a certain date, a certain disparity amount using certain data and information and to determine the amount of annual rate increases necessary to eliminate a certain disparity amount in a certain manner; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring that certain rate increases be used in a certain manner; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to community providers of services to developmentally disabled individuals ~~with disabilities~~ and rate increases.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 7-307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has a responsibility to ensure that the community-based services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities are of high quality and comply with all regulations; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly is concerned that the reimbursement rates for community providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities are insufficient to adequately compensate community direct service workers; and

WHEREAS, The inadequacy of the reimbursement rates for community providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities results in a wage disparity between community direct service workers and State employees in comparable positions in State residential facilities; and