

CHAPTER 323**(House Bill 729)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance – ~~Managed Behavioral Health Care Organizations Services~~
– ~~Expense and Loss Ratios and Reports~~**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain carriers to include certain information on behavioral health care providers in a certain list of providers on the carrier's provider panel; requiring a carrier that contracts with a managed behavioral health care organization to require the managed behavioral health care organization to provide a certain report that the carrier is required to make publicly available; repealing a requirement that certain carriers file certain information with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring certain carriers to complete and maintain copies of certain forms required developed by the Commissioner that include certain information; requiring the Commission to develop a certain form; requiring certain carriers to make certain forms available to certain individuals upon request; authorizing a carrier that makes certain forms available to certain individuals to make certain charges; authorizing the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; altering a certain scope provision; defining a certain term; altering and repealing certain definitions; making a certain conforming change to a certain definition; and generally relating to certain carriers and managed behavioral health care organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15-127

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

15-127.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (1) “BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES” MEANS ANY EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT INCURRED FOR DIRECT CARE EXPENSES INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS INCLUDING:

- (⊕) 1. BILLING AND COLLECTION EXPENSES;
- (⊕) 2. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING EXPENSES;