

CHAPTER 464

(Senate Bill 481)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program and, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Public Mental Health System Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Reimbursement Rates

FOR the purpose of altering the reimbursement under the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program for certain prescription drugs; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish in developing a certain annual process to annually set reimbursement rates for certain programs and the public mental health system that reflect the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program that considers certain rates, systems, and codes; requiring the Department to establish a certain annual process to set reimbursement rates for the public mental health system that considers certain costs; requiring the Department to consult with certain persons to identify and implement certain pharmacy cost containment measures; prohibiting the Department from implementing a reduction in a certain pharmacy reimbursement rate until a certain date; prohibiting the Department from increasing a certain total copayment collection; requiring the Department to implement certain cost containment measures under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; authorizing the Department to implement certain measures to encourage the use of certain drugs on a preferred list; requiring the Department to submit a certain annual report; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the reimbursement rates of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and the public mental health system and reimbursement and copayments under the Medicaid and the Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,Article - Health - GeneralSection 15-124(b)(1)Annotated Code of Maryland(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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Chapter 702 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001

Section 1

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