

SUBCOMMITTEE: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HOUSE BILL NO. 1127

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Davis)

A BILL to direct the Board of Medical Assistance Services to revise regulations, relating to the definition of therapeutic day treatment.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Board of Medical Assistance Services shall develop and implement a plan that directs and guides Medicaid managed care organizations in authorizing school-based therapeutic day treatment for children and adolescents during the transition to the full implementation of redesigned school-based services to minimize gaps in therapeutic day treatment coverage during the transition period. Such plan shall include collection and review of (i) the number of children and adolescents receiving therapeutic day treatment prior to July 1, 2019, for whom therapeutic day treatment has been denied after July 1, 2019, (ii) changes in the average unit authorization for therapeutic day treatment per client per day, beginning July 1, 2019, and (iii) changes in the number and rates of psychiatric hospitalizations, emergency room visits, use of services funded through the Children's Services Act, use of crisis services, arrest and incarceration, and morbidity for clients denied therapeutic day treatment or for whom access to therapeutic day treatments is or was reduced, beginning July 1, 2019.

The Board shall report to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations quarterly, beginning October 1, 2020, regarding the data and information collected pursuant to this act.

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