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## **MENTAL HEALTH PARITY REGULATIONS VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**April 26, 2021**

**1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Zoom Webinar video conference:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615479442>

**Dial-in number:** (833) 568 8864 (Toll Free)

**Webinar ID:** 161 547 9442

(Please see below for speaker registration information.)

On or before December 31, 2021, the Commissioner is required, in consultation with interested stakeholders, to adopt regulations implementing the provisions of § 15-144, which requires health carriers to report on compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA). Pursuant to uncodified language in the legislation adopting the reporting requirements, the form of the report required under § 15-144(c) is the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) Data Collection Tool for Mental Health Parity Analysis, Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations (the "NAIC MHPAEA Tool"), as amended by the Commissioner to incorporate the requirements of § 15-144(c), (d) and (e).

The Commissioner held a public informational meeting on November 23, 2020 to hear from subject matter experts and interested stakeholders on, among other things, those nonquantitative treatment limitations (NQTL) that should be the subject of reporting. Having considered all comments provided at or in conjunction with the November 2020 public hearing, and mindful of the relevant legislative history, the Commissioner and the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) staff have determined that it is appropriate to amend the NAIC MHPAEA Tool to add reimbursement rates to the thirteen NQTLs currently identified.

The Commissioner hereby invites both written and oral comments from interested stakeholders on the inclusion of rate reimbursement as an additional NQTL subject to reporting.

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening comments from Commissioner Kathleen A. Birrane.

2. Comments by registered speakers concerning the proposed inclusion of reimbursement rates as one additional nonquantitative treatment limitation (NQTL) to the thirteen NQTLs identified in the NAIC Tool.
3. Comments by unregistered participants.

Comments and materials may be submitted in advance of the virtual public hearing or for a fourteen (14) day period after the virtual public hearing at [MHPAEA.mia@maryland.gov](mailto:MHPAEA.mia@maryland.gov).

If you would like to present or offer public comments *during* the virtual public hearing, please notify the MIA in advance of the meeting by submitting your request to [MHPAEA.mia@maryland.gov](mailto:MHPAEA.mia@maryland.gov). Because of the nature of the Zoom Webinar platform, a special invitation is required to be seen and/or be heard via the platform. For that reason, the MIA can only assure the opportunity to speak during the virtual public hearing to those interested parties who have signed up by Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and provided an e-mail address to which an invitational link to the virtual meeting can be sent.

To the extent that time and technology permit, the MIA will hear from unregistered participants who access the Zoom Webinar platform.