

**Behavioral Health Coalition of the Eastern Shore
2020 Legislative Priorities**

Opposed Bills

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>	<u>Hearing Date</u>
SB 192/HB 152	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Acts of 2020	Reduces mandatory funding increases for community behavioral health services by \$25 million.	2/26
SB 519	Public Health – Behavioral Health programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety Plan	Requires behavioral health programs to establish community safety plans as a condition of licensure.	2/18
SB 520	Behavioral Health Programs – Opioid Treatment Services – Limitation on License	Prohibits the Behavioral Health Administration from licensing more than five opioid treatment programs in each county.	2/18
SB 521	Behavioral Health – Opioid Treatment Services – Medical Director	Requires opioid treatment programs to have a medical director on site for at least 20 hours per week.	2/18
SB 522	Behavioral Health Programs – Licensing and Fees	Limits behavioral health program licensure periods to three years and attaches costly licensing fees.	2/18
HB 1461	Behavioral Health Programs – Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical and Clinical Directors	Requires that the medical director of an outpatient mental health center be a licensed physician.	2/7

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SB 113	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Definitions of Provider and Health Care Services	Requires carriers to maintain the same timelines and standards for credentialing health care facilities as for credentialing individual practitioners.	1/15
SB 305/HB 607	Public Safety – Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence	Establishes a centralized technical assistance center to support the expansion of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs across the state.	2/11
SB 334	Health Insurance – Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Treatment Criteria	Requires that health insurers submit annual parity compliance reports and includes a range of transparency and consumer protection provisions.	2/19
SB 441/HB 332	Mental Health – Emergency Facilities List – Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers	Provides that the Behavioral Health Administration may include behavioral health crisis response centers on its list of designated emergency facilities that can accept individuals subject to an emergency petition.	2/18
SB 502	Health Insurance – Telehealth – Delivery of Mental Health Services – Coverage for Home Settings	Allows for the expansion of the definition of telehealth to include mental health services delivered in the patient’s home and requires Medicaid to cover those services.	2/19