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

August 30, 2021

10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Zoom Webinar video conference: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617564860>

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

Webinar ID: 161 756 4860

(Registration and Access Information Below)

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 public informational meeting on November 23, 2020 and April 26, 2021 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.

The Commissioner has published draft proposed regulations on the Maryland Insurance Administration's website, along with draft templates and instructions for the reports. The deadline for written comments on the regulations is August 13, 2021. The deadline for written comments on the supporting documents is September 7, 2021.

The Commissioner hereby invites oral comments from interested stakeholders on the draft proposed regulations and supporting documents.

AGENDA

1. Opening comments from Commissioner Kathleen A. Birrane.

2. Comments by registered speakers concerning the draft proposed regulations and the supporting documents.
3. Comments by unregistered participants.

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. Because of the nature of the ZOOM Events 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, August 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and provided an e-mail address to which an invitational link to the virtual meeting can be sent.

A public access link that allows individuals to view the virtual public hearing will be posted on the MIA's website. To the extent that time and technology permit, the MIA will hear from unregistered participants who access the Zoom Event platform.