



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

June 24, 2022

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Governmental  
Operations Committee  
Room 241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Senate Bill 704 (2018) – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Assertive Community Treatment and Mobile Treatment Services**

Dear Chairs Kelley and Peña-Melnyk:

In keeping with the requirements of SB 704 (Ch. 691 of the Acts of 2018), the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this report with information on Medical Assistance Program general fund expenditures related to the implementation of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 1 of SB 704 requires that the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for Medicaid services delivered via telehealth must include psychiatrists providing assertive community treatment (ACT) or mobile treatment services (MTS) in a home- or community-based setting. The bill also requires MDH to report on the effect on Medicaid general fund expenditures of reimbursing for services delivered via telehealth from psychiatrists providing ACT or MTS.

MDH implemented this coverage expansion effective October 1, 2018. Since that time, MDH has not observed a substantial increase in service utilization or general fund expenditures. Accordingly, MDH has made reimbursement for these providers a permanent feature of the telemedicine program.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Heather Shek, Director of Governmental Affairs at (410) 767-6480.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary

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