

House Bill 1404 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health  
3 to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to  
4 authorize private institutions for mental disease to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement for  
5 certain treatments; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related  
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "49-4-142.4.

12 (a) No later than December 31, 2022, the department shall submit a waiver request to the  
13 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and  
14 Human Services to authorize private institutions for mental disease (IMDs) to qualify for  
15 Medicaid reimbursement for mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

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16 (b) Upon approval of such waiver, the department shall take all necessary steps to provide  
17 for payment of such care at private IMDs with Medicaid funds."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.