

HOUSE BILL 1212

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Prior Authorization for Opioid Antagonists – ~~Prohibition~~**
3 **Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting~~ authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans,
5 and health maintenance organizations ~~from applying a preauthorization to apply a~~
6 prior authorization requirement for opioid antagonist drug products only under
7 certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a
8 delayed effective date; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for opioid
9 antagonist drug products.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Insurance

12 Section 15–850

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Insurance**

18 **15–850.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OPIOID ANTAGONIST" MEANS:

2 (1) NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE; OR

3 (2) ANY OTHER SIMILARLY ACTING AND EQUALLY SAFE DRUG
4 APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
5 TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE.

6 (B) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

7 (I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT
8 PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR
9 BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR
10 DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

11 (II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
12 COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER GROUP CONTRACTS THAT ARE
13 ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

14 (2) AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH
15 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION
16 DRUGS THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER IS SUBJECT TO THE
17 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

18 (C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES ON ITS
19 FORMULARY AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST MAY ~~NOT APPLY A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION~~
20 ~~REQUIREMENT FOR THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST~~ ONLY APPLY A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
21 REQUIREMENT FOR AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST IF THE ENTITY PROVIDES COVERAGE
22 FOR AT LEAST ONE FORMULATION OF THE OPIOID ANTAGONIST WITHOUT A PRIOR
23 AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
25 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
26 after January 1, 2018.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 January 1, 2018.