At the request of Health and Government Operations Committee Chair Joseline Pena-Melnyk, and in coordination with the leadership of Senator Malcom Augustine and Delegate Robbyn Lewis, the Maryland Insurance Administration (the MIA) has formed a workgroup to address the establishment of the Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care (“CHAP”) as proposed in the form of SB0460 (the “CHAP Bill”) passed by the Senate in 2022.

The third meeting will be held on September 9, 2022 at 11 am. The purpose of the third meeting is two-fold. First, the MIA will complete its presentation of the research conducted at the request of the Workgroup regarding mental health navigational resources that already exist within the State and programs similar to the CHAP model that exist in other states, including New York. Second, the Workgroup will review and discuss the definition of “Consumer Assistance Services” in the CHAP Bill in order to address the scope of services proposed for CHAP. If time allows, the Workgroup will next discuss the nature of CHAP as an entity, as well as its governance, oversight, and accountability.

The second meeting was held on August 22, 2022. The discussion centered on current programs that assist patients and their families with the services described in the CHAP Bill, and gaps that can be filled by the establishment of CHAP. Written comments have been submitted by stakeholders and will be posted on the MIA’s website prior to the meeting.

The first meeting was held on June 17, 2022. The purpose of the first meeting was to identify the issues raised with regard to the CHAP Bill that should be addressed by this workgroup. Additional meetings will be scheduled as necessary to discuss and hear proposals to resolve the issues.
AGENDA

- **Welcome & Introduction of Members** - Kory Boone, Special Deputy Commissioner

- **Complete Presentation on Existing Resources** - Joy Hatchette, Associate Commissioner of Consumer Education and Advocacy Unit

- **Hear Presentations on Other State Approaches, including New York Legislation** - David Cooney, Associate Commissioner of Life and Health; Van Dorsey, Principal Counsel

- **Review and Discuss SB0460 Legislation** - Van Dorsey, Principal Counsel

- **Receive Public Comments (if time permits)**

- **Discuss Action Plan and Workgroup Schedule** – Next meeting proposed for September 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.