

House Bill 1404

By: Representatives Pruitt of the 149th, Hatchett of the 150th, Cooper of the 43rd, Watson of the 172nd, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

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; to
5 provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 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.

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

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.