

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 506

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “schedule;” in line 6; in line 8, after “schedules” insert “. coding guidelines;”; in line 9, after “circumstances;” insert “altering the circumstances under which certain health insurance carriers may provide bonuses or other incentive-based compensation to a health care practitioner;”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 9 down through “circumstances;” in line 13; and strike beginning with “defining” in line 14 down through “date;” in line 15.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike lines 14 through 27, inclusive; in line 29, strike the bracket; strike beginning with the bracket in line 30 down through “INSURED” in line 33; in line 34, strike the bracket; and in line 36, strike “does not”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 1, strike “violate” and substitute “COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF”; in the same line, strike “or” and substitute “AND”; in line 2, strike “deter” and substitute “PROMOTES”; and in the same line, strike the bracket.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 3 through line 10 on page 4 and substitute:

“(D) (1) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WITH A WRITTEN COPY OF:

(I) A SCHEDULE OF APPLICABLE FEES FOR UP TO THE TWENTY MOST COMMON SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY;

(Over)

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CODING GUIDELINES USED BY THE CARRIER THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY; AND

(III) THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRACTITIONER AND THE METHODOLOGY THAT THE CARRIER USES TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO:

1. INCREASE OR REDUCE THE PRACTITIONER'S LEVEL OF REIMBURSEMENT; AND

2. PROVIDE A BONUS OR OTHER INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION TO THE PRACTITIONER.

(2) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES:

(I) AT THE TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION;

(II) 30 DAYS PRIOR TO A CHANGE; AND

(III) UPON REQUEST OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.”;

and in lines 11 and 21, strike “(F)” and “(G)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 31, strike “January 1, 2000” and substitute “October 1, 1999”.