

BY: Senator Green

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 903, AS AMENDED  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 3, after "Subrogation Provisions" insert "and Standards of Care in Health Care Treatment Decisions"; in line 11, before "providing" insert "requiring that a certain standard of care be exercised by a health maintenance organization in making health care treatment decisions; defining a certain term;"; in the same line, after "of" insert "certain provisions of"; and in line 15, after "Section" insert "19-710(f) and".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, after line 20, insert:

"19-710.

(f) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE terms of the contracts to be offered to subscribers shall provide that the health care services provided to members of the health maintenance organization will meet reasonable standards of quality of care that are applicable to the geographic area to be served, as approved by the Department.

(2) (I) IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "ORDINARY CARE" MEANS THE DEGREE OF CARE THAT A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OF ORDINARY PRUDENCE WOULD USE UNDER THE SAME OR SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

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[(2)] (3) If a health maintenance organization offers services that are within the scope of practice of a physician and another health care practitioner who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the health maintenance organization shall offer those services through other licensed health care practitioners, where appropriate, as determined by the health maintenance organization.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2 of the bill, in lines 25 and 29, strike "2." and "3.", respectively, and substitute "3." and "4.", respectively; and in lines 25 and 29, in each instance, after "That" insert "Section 2 of".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1 of the Finance Committee Amendment (SB0903/137171/1), in line 10, strike "4." and substitute "5."; and in line 14, strike "5." and substitute "6.".

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