

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 275

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike "course of treatment" and substitute "health care service"; in line 7, after "exceptions;" insert "providing that a carrier must pay certain claims in accordance with certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; making a stylistic change; providing for the application of this Act;"; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive, and substitute:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-1009

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 21 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

"Article - Health - General

19-706.

(o) The provisions of [§ 15-1008] §§ 15-1008 AND 15-1009 of the Insurance Article

(Over)

[shall] apply to health maintenance organizations.

Article - Insurance

15-1009.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CARRIER" MEANS:

(1) AN INSURER;

(2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(3) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

(4) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR

(5) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE."

On page 3, in line 22, strike "(F)" and substitute "(B)"; in the same line, strike "COURSE OF TREATMENT" and substitute "HEALTH CARE SERVICE"; in lines 24 and 27, in each instance, strike "SERVICES" and substitute "SERVICE"; in line 28, strike "OR" and substitute ";

(2)";

in line 29, strike "SERVICES" and substitute "THE SERVICE"; in line 32, strike "(2)" and substitute "(3)"; in the same line, strike the first "THE" and substitute "A"; after line 34, insert:

"(C) A CARRIER SHALL PAY A CLAIM FOR A PREAUTHORIZED OR APPROVED COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 15-1005 AND 15-1008 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to reimbursements for health care services that are preauthorized or approved on or after June 1, 2000."

in line 35, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 36, strike "October" and substitute "June".