

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
(First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “the United State Congress and”; in line 5, after “Commission” insert “, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Health and Human Services”; in the same line, strike “pass legislation and”; in the same line, after “regulations” insert “to guide the development of accountable care organizations and”; in the same line, strike “establishing” and substitute “establish”; in line 6, strike “physicians” and substitute “health care providers”; strike beginning with “collaborate” in line 6 down through the first “and” in line 7; in line 7, after “form” insert “and deliver care through”; in the same line, after “organizations,” insert “requesting that the United States Congress to consider whether additional legislation, including antitrust safe harbor protections, is desirable for a certain purpose;”; after line 9, insert:

“WHEREAS, The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act encourages physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers to form accountable care organizations that would jointly take responsibility for coordinating the cost and quality of care of patients, particularly patients who are Medicare beneficiaries; and”;

in line 11, after “physicians” insert “, hospitals, and other health care providers”; in the same line, after “collaborate” insert “in forming accountable care organizations”; strike in their entirety lines 12 through 21, inclusive; and in line 24, after “physicians” insert “and other health care providers”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, after “Physicians” insert “and other health care providers are”; in line 3, strike “is” and substitute “and the Department of Justice are”; in the

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same line, after “considering” insert “new”; in line 4, strike “physicians” and substitute “health care providers”; in line 5, after “organizations;” insert “and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services is developing guidance regarding the formation of accountable care organizations;”;

in line 7, strike “the United States Congress and”; in line 8, strike “to pass legislation and” and substitute “, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Health and Human Services to act expeditiously to”; in the same line, after “will” insert “guide the development of accountable care organizations and”; in line 9, after “physicians” insert “, hospitals, and other health care providers”; strike beginning with “collaborate” in line 9 down through the first “and” in line 10; in line 10, after “form” insert “and deliver care through”; after line 11, insert:

“RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland requests the United States Congress to consider whether additional legislation, including antitrust safe harbor protections, is desirable to ensure that the potential value of health care delivery system reforms, including formation of accountable care organizations, can be fully realized; and be it further”;

in line 17, after “Avenue” insert “NW”; and in the same line, after “20580;” insert “the Honorable Eric Holder, Attorney General of the United States, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20530; the Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20201;”.