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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1420
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “free” insert “and reduced cost”; in line 13, strike “oral”; strike beginning with “asking” in line 19 down through “verification,” in line 20 and substitute “using a patient’s citizenship or immigration status for a certain purpose or”; strike beginning with “, or” in line 21 down through “evidence” in line 22; in line 28, after “complaints;” insert “requiring that a certain process include a certain option and provide the patient or the patient’s authorized representative with certain information;”; and in line 29, after “inspection;” insert “requiring the Commission to deny inspection of certain information;”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 31 on page 1 down through “remedies;” in line 1 on page 2.

On page 2, strike beginning with “increasing” in line 4 down through “Commission;” in line 5; and in line 7, strike “modeling” and substitute “evaluations”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 32, strike “150%” and substitute “**200%**”.

On page 3, in line 4, after “CARE” insert “**THAT INCLUDES IN THE REQUEST:**

1. THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN FILING AND MEDIATING A RECONSIDERATION REQUEST; AND

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2. THE ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, FACSIMILE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, MAILING ADDRESS, AND WEBSITE OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT.

On page 4, in line 14, after “WHO” insert “IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM AND”; strike beginning with “RECEIVES” in line 21 down through “(V)” in line 23; and in line 25, strike “(VI)” and substitute “(V)”.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 11, inclusive; in lines 12 and 15, in each instance, strike “ORAL”; and in line 26, strike “3%” and substitute “5%”.

On page 8, in line 2, strike “3%” and substitute “5%”.

On page 9, in line 7, strike “OFFERS” and substitute “TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, OFFERS”; in line 9, strike “DETERMINES” and substitute “TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, DETERMINES”; in line 14, strike “IF” and substitute “WHEN”; in the same line, strike “AN” and substitute “A COMPLETED”; in line 20, strike “ASK OR REQUIRE A PATIENT TO DISCLOSE OR VERIFY THE” and substitute “USE A”; in line 21, strike “IN ORDER TO RECEIVE OR APPLY” and substitute “AS AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT”; in line 22, after “ASSISTANCE;” insert “OR”; and strike beginning with “; OR” in line 27 down through “CARE” in line 30.

On page 10, in lines 15 and 18, in each instance, strike the first comma and substitute “AND”; and in the same lines, in each instance, strike “, AND ZIP CODE OF RESIDENCE”.

On page 11, in line 11, after “(1)” insert “(I)”; in line 12, strike “ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC” and substitute “A PATIENT’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE”; in line 13, strike beginning with “, A” in line 13 down through “BILL” in line 14 and

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substitute "FOR AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF § 19-214.1 OR § 19-214.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE"; after line 14, insert:

“(II) THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:

1. INCLUDE THE OPTION FOR A PATIENT OR A PATIENT’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE THE COMPLAINT JOINTLY WITH THE COMMISSION AND THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT; AND

2. PROVIDE THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT’S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN FILING AND MEDIATING A RECONSIDERATION REQUEST; AND

B. THE ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, FACSIMILE NUMBER, E-MAIL ADDRESS, MAILING ADDRESS, AND WEBSITE OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT.”;

in line 15, after “(2)” insert “(I)”; in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A”; and after line 16, insert:

“(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL DENY INSPECTION OF THE COMPLAINANT’S NAME, ADDRESS, OR ANY OTHER PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.”.

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On pages 11 and 12, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 11 through line 11 on page 12, inclusive.

On page 12, in lines 12, 19, and 29, strike “(D)”, “(E)”, and “(F)”, respectively, and substitute “(B)”, “(C)”, and “(D)”, respectively; in line 31, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “\$100,000”.

On page 13, in lines 6 and 15, in each instance, strike “The” and substitute “To the extent practicable, the”; in the same lines, strike “model” and substitute “evaluate”; in line 7, strike “modeled” and substitute “evaluated”; in line 17, strike “minimum” and substitute “maximum”; in the same line, strike “policy” and substitute “threshold and minimum reduced-cost care threshold”; strike beginning with “increasing” in line 21 down through “(3)” in line 25; and in line 25, strike “medical hardship policy from” and substitute “reduced-cost care with financial hardship threshold from”.

On pages 13 and 14, strike beginning with “to” in line 25 on page 13 down through “650%” in line 1 on page 14.

On page 14, in lines 2, 7, and 9, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in line 2, after “debt” insert “as a percentage of family income”; in lines 2 and 3, strike “of family income”; strike beginning with “to” in line 3 down through “10%” in line 6; strike beginning with “receive” in line 16 down through “(v)” in line 18; in lines 20, 23, 27, and 29, strike “(vi)”, “(vii)”, “(ix)”, and “(x)”, respectively, and substitute “(v)”, “(vi)”, “(vii)”, and “(viii)”, respectively; and strike beginning with “receive” in line 23 down through “(viii)” in line 25.