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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 915

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “the” in line 7 down through “General,” in line 9 and substitute “certain hospitals”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 20 down through “terms” in line 22 and substitute “requiring the Commission to give certain consideration in certain procedures regarding the feasibility of certain notices under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 12, after “(3)” insert “(1)”; and strike beginning with “A” in line 12, down through “SERVICES” in line 16 and substitute “A HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT CHARGE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC SERVICE, SUPPLY, OR EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE SERVICE OF A NONPHYSICIAN CLINICIAN.”

(II) “OUTPATIENT FACILITY FEE” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

1. A CHARGE BILLED FOR SERVICES DELIVERED IN AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; OR

2. A PHYSICIAN FEE BILLED FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE HOSPITAL”.

On page 4, in line 26, strike “FACILITY FEE COMPLAINT, YOU SHOULD FILE IT” and substitute “COMPLAINT ABOUT AN OUTPATIENT FACILITY FEE CHARGE, PLEASE FIRST CONTACT THE HOSPITAL, (HOSPITAL BILLING OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION)”

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IF THE COMPLAINT IS UNRESOLVED, YOU MAY THEN FILE THE COMPLAINT".

On page 5, in line 1, strike "WWW.MARYLANDCARE.ORG" and substitute "WWW.MARYLANDCARES.ORG"; and in lines 5 and 6, strike "(THE FACILITY FEE CHARGE)(A RANGE OF FACILITY FEES AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE FACILITY FEE CHARGE)" and substitute "INFORMATION ON THE FACILITY FEES".

On pages 5 and 6, strike beginning with "THE" in line 28 on page 5 through "SECTION" in line 1, on page 6 and substitute "A HOSPITAL SHALL DETERMINE THE RANGE OF HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY FEES AND FEE ESTIMATES, BASED ON TYPICAL OR AVERAGE FACILITY FEES FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR APPOINTMENTS, TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, CONSISTENT WITH THE HOSPITAL'S MOST RECENT RATE ORDER AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION".

On page 6, in line 29, strike "2021" and substitute "2022".

On page 7, in line 1, strike "2021" and substitute "2022"; after line 9, insert:

"(3) WHEN LACK OF NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS ALLEGED IN A CONSUMER COMPLAINT, THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE CONSIDERATION IN ITS INVESTIGATORY AND AUDIT PROCEDURES AS TO WHETHER NOTICE WAS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE HOSPITAL'S CONTROL.";

strike in their entirety lines 10 through 15, inclusive; in line 16, strike "3." and substitute "2."; in line 17, strike "October" and substitute "July"; and in the same line, strike "2020" and substitute "2021".