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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1271

(First Reading File Bill)

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On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 3 through line 2 on page 4 and substitute:

“(D) (1) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY AUTHORIZE A SHORTER LENGTH OF STAY THAN THAT PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF THE MOTHER, IN CONSULTATION WITH HER ATTENDING PROVIDER, DECIDES THAT LESS TIME IS NEEDED FOR RECOVERY.

(2) FOR A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD WHO HAVE A HOSPITAL STAY SHORTER IN LENGTH THAN THAT PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION PERFORMING UTILIZATION REVIEW SHALL AUTHORIZE AT LEAST ONE HOME VISIT:

(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE FOR HOME CARE OF A MOTHER AND NEWBORN CHILD; AND

(II) BY A REGISTERED NURSE WITH AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH NURSING OR IN COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.

(3) THE HOME VISIT PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(Over)

(I) SHALL BE SCHEDULED TO OCCUR WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE; AND

(II) SHALL INCLUDE ANY SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE ATTENDING PROVIDER.

(E) (1) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM, REQUIRE ADDITIONAL UTILIZATION REVIEW OF, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE FINANCIAL DISINCENTIVES FOR AN ATTENDING PROVIDER WHO ORDERS CARE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION OR WITH THE TERMS OF §19-703 OF THIS ARTICLE OR ARTICLE 48A, §§354F, 470H, OR 477-I RELATED TO HOSPITALIZATION OF A NEWBORN.

(2) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT, HOSPITAL, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT DENY, LIMIT, OR OTHERWISE IMPAIR THE PARTICIPATION OF AN ATTENDING PROVIDER UNDER A CONTRACT OR ANY PRIVILEGE GRANTED AN ATTENDING PROVIDER WHO ADVOCATES MORE THAN 48 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE FOLLOWING A COMPLICATED VAGINAL DELIVERY OR MORE THAN 96 HOURS OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE FOLLOWING A COMPLICATED CESAREAN SECTION.”.