

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 859

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “altering certain standards of quality of care to include a requirement that any nonparticipating provider submit certain documentation to the health maintenance organization;”; in line 14, before “and” insert “requiring a certain study on payment for medical screening; requiring a certain report; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to work with the Maryland Hospital Association on development of a certain bundled payment; providing for the termination of a provision of this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to forward certain notices to the Department of Legislative Reference;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“(3) A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL COMPLAINT OF THE MEMBER AND THE SERVICES RENDERED;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 10, insert “SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-712.5.”;

after line 15, insert:

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“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-712.5.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute:

“4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall conduct a study to determine what effect, if any, the provisions of this Act regarding the obligation of carriers to pay for medical screenings performed to meet the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act have on the billing patterns of hospitals and emergency physicians. The Commission shall report the results of the study by January 31, 1997 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall work with the Maryland Hospital Association on development of a bundled payment for medical screening that meets the requirements of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. Should a bundled payment not take effect on or before March 31, 1997, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, within 5 days after a bundled payment takes effect, shall forward notice that the bundled payment has taken effect to the Department of Legislative Reference. If a bundled payment has not taken effect on or before March 31, 1997, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before April 5, 1997, shall forward a notice that the bundled payment has not taken effect by that date to the Department of Legislative Reference.

SECTION 6.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”.