

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 49

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “diabetes educators;” and substitute “health care providers; requiring appointment of a certain panel; requiring the panel to undertake certain reviews and make certain recommendations; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to report within a certain period of time; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, after “PHYSICIAN” insert “OR OTHER APPROPRIATELY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”; and strike beginning with “A” in line 6 down through “EDUCATORS” in line 7 and substitute “AN APPROPRIATELY LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHOSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES DIABETES EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

“(C) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL APPOINT A PANEL OF EXPERTS TO REVIEW THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF DIABETES EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET.

(2) THE PANEL SHALL ADVISE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WHETHER DIABETES EQUIPMENT REVIEWED BY THE PANEL IS SUFFICIENTLY COST EFFECTIVE TO BE MANDATED FOR COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) THE PANEL SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY

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OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FROM TIME TO TIME AND WHENEVER A PARTICULAR DISPUTE ABOUT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DIABETES EQUIPMENT IS BROUGHT TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION.

(4) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE PANEL'S DECISION, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER.

(5) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR DIABETES EQUIPMENT NOT OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all new policies or health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after the effective date of this Act.”;

in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 15, strike “October 1, 1996” and substitute “January 1, 1997”.