

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 770

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Provider Panels -” and substitute “Task Force to Review”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “insurance” in line 8 and substitute “establishing a Task Force to Review Requirements for Providers to Serve on Panels; and providing for the application of this Act”; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “the” in line 22 on page 1 through “CARRIER.” in line 32 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute “:

(a) There is a Task Force to Review Requirements for Providers to Serve on Panels.

(b) The purpose of the Task Force is to review the prevalence and circumstances under which health insurers and health maintenance organizations require a health care provider, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve also on a provider panel of another health service delivery system of the carrier or on a provider panel of another carrier.

(c) The Task Force shall include in its review the impact on the Medical Assistance Managed Care Program of requiring providers to serve on panels.

(d) The Task Force shall consist of the following 19 members:

(1) Two members of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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(3) One representative from the Maryland Insurance Administration, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner;

(4) One representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(5) One representative from the Attorney General's Office, appointed by the Attorney General;

(6) Six representatives of the health insurance industry, appointed by the Governor;

(7) Four physician representatives, appointed by the Governor; and

(8) Two nonphysician health care provider representatives, appointed by the Governor.

(e) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force from the appointed members.

(f) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Insurance Administration shall provide staffing for the Task Force.

(g) On or before December 1, 1997, the Task Force shall submit a report on the results of its review, together with any recommendations, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.”;

and in line 34, strike “October” and substitute “June”.