

BY: Senator Dorman

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 945

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “the reimbursement of” and substitute “authorization for utilizing”; in line 12, after “of” insert “a portion of”; in the same line, after “Act;” insert “requiring development of a 24-hour toll free telephone access system; requiring a certain report;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 36, strike the bracket; in the same line, after “including” insert “: (I)”; in line 38, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “INCLUDING” and substitute “: AND”.

On page 5, in line 1, before “PROVIDING” insert “(II)”; in line 2, after “SYSTEM” insert “FOR USE IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS”; on pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 5 down through line 4 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute “AND”

(2) ENABLE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE, WITH ONE TELEPHONE CALL, THE NAMES OF THREE CONTRACTED SPECIALIST PROVIDERS FOR THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WHO ALSO HAVE STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A PARTICULAR HOSPITAL IN THE STATE.”.

On page 6, in line 5, strike “(C)” and substitute “(B)”; after line 15 insert:

“(C) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO HAVE CONTRACTED SPECIALIST PROVIDERS AT HOSPITALS OUTSIDE OF THE SERVICE AREA OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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On page 6, before line 16 insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Tthe Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations, in consultation with the American College of Emergency Physicians, Maryland Chapter, and the Maryland Hospital Association, shall develop a 24-hour toll free telephone access system to enable hospital emergency department providers to determine, with one telephone call:

(1) the primary care provider assigned to a member; and

(2) the names of three contracted specialist providers for a health maintenance organization who also have staff privileges at a particular hospital in the State.

(b) The Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations shall provide a report on the system to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by January 1, 1998.”;

in line 16, strike “2” and substitute “3”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 2 of”; in line 17, strike “January” and substitute “October”; after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.”.