

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 479

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3, inclusive, and substitute “Practice Parameters and Guidelines”; and strike beginning with “expanding” in line 4 down through “organizations.” in line 18 and substitute “establishing a Task Force on Guidelines and Practice Parameters; requiring the Task Force to conduct a certain study; specifying the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to certain persons by a certain date; making a certain technical correction related to the staggering of the terms of the initial members of the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to practice parameters and guidelines.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That:

(a) There is a Task Force on Guidelines and Practice Parameters.

(b) The Task Force shall study the need for State regulation and the medical impact on consumers of guidelines and practice parameters that shorten or eliminate inpatient hospitalization stays.

(c) The Task Force shall be composed of 12 members appointed as follows:

(1) One member of the Senate Finance Committee, designated by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;

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(2) One member of the House Economic Matters Committee, designated by the Chairman of the House Economic Matters Committee;

(3) One member designated by the Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems;

(4) One member designated by a nonprofit health service plan;

(5) One member designated by the League of Health and Life Insurers of Maryland;

(6) One member designated by the Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations;

(7) Two members representing an academic medical center, one of whom shall be designated by the Johns Hopkins Health System and one of whom shall be designated by the University of Maryland Medical System;

(8) One member who is a physician representative from the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters, designated by the Chairman of the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission;

(9) One member designated by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland; and

(10) Two members of the general public representing Maryland health care consumers, appointed by the Governor.

(d) The members of the Task Force shall select a chairman from the membership of the Task Force.

(e) Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

(f) The Health Care Access and Cost Commission shall provide staff support for the Task Force.

(g) On or before January 1, 1998, the Task Force shall submit a report on its findings to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, before line 23, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial members of the Advisory Committee on Practice Parameters, appointed in accordance with § 19-1603 of the Health - General Article, shall expire as follows:

(1) Four members in 1997;

(2) Four members in 1998;

(3) Four members in 1999; and

(4) Three members in 2000.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 24, strike “October” and substitute “June”.