

BY: Senator Dorman

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 640
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "Care" insert "and Coverage for a Prosthesis"; in line 14, after "Act;" insert "requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a prosthesis under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain health policies or contracts from imposing a deductible on the coverage for a prosthesis under certain circumstances;"; in line 16, after "care" insert "and coverage for a prosthesis"; and in line 19, after "15-826" insert "and 15-827".

On page 2, after line 3, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 20, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

15-827.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(Over)

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A PROSTHESIS THAT HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED BY A PHYSICIAN FOR AN ENROLLEE OR INSURED WHO HAS UNDERGONE A MASTECTOMY AND HAS NOT HAD BREAST RECONSTRUCTION.

(C) A POLICY OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A DEDUCTIBLE ON THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(i) The provisions of §§ 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812, [and] 15-826, AND 15-827 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.”;

in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, after “That” insert “Section 1 of”; in line 25, after “of” insert “Section 1 of”; after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 1998.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.”; in line 26, strike “3.” and substitute “6.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act.”.