

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 650

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 5 and 6, strike “names and telephone numbers” and substitute “address, telephone number, and facsimile number”; in line 8, strike “legal health care advocacy; and” and substitute “assistance in resolving billing and payment disputes with a health plan or health care provider;”; and in the same line, after “changes” insert “; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations and directories of participating providers or hospitals”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 30, strike “STATE AGENCY NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER” and substitute “ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND FACSIMILE NUMBER OF THE STATE AGENCY”; and in lines 32 and 33, strike “LEGAL HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY” and substitute “ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING BILLING AND PAYMENT DISPUTES WITH THE HEALTH PLAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 34 on page 2 through line 5 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(I) FOR QUALITY OF CARE ISSUES AND LIFE AND HEALTH CARE INSURANCE COMPLAINTS, THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(II) FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING A BILLING OR PAYMENT DISPUTE WITH THE HEALTH PLAN OR A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.”.