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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2, AS AMENDED

On page 32 of the Environmental Matters Committee and Economic Matters Committee Amendments (HB0002/103273/2), after line 9 of Amendment No. 15, insert:

“(c) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Health Service Cost Review Commission, shall also conduct a study on the extent that insurers, nonprofit service plans, or health maintenance organizations refer a member to a hospital based on the availability of specialized medical services within the hospital receiving the referral or based on the ability of nonrate regulated hospitals to negotiate rates. The Department shall report the results of its study to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on or before January 1, 1999.”.