

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 386

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after “form” insert “and, if applicable, an addendum.”; and in line 7, after “panel;” insert “authorizing a carrier to issue an addendum to the uniform credentialing form to request information in addition to the information sought on the uniform credentialing form; providing for the creation of a task force to study certain issues; providing for the membership of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a certain report by a certain date; providing for the termination of a portion of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 17, insert:

“(2) A CARRIER MAY ISSUE AN ADDENDUM TO THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT IS NOT DUPLICATIVE OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM.”;

in line 18, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; and in the same line, after “FORM” insert “, AND, IF ISSUED, AN ADDENDUM ISSUED BY THE CARRIER UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

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

(a) There is a Task Force on a Uniform Addendum to the Uniform Credentialing Form consisting of 14 members;

(Over)

(b) The membership of the Task Force consists of:

(1) three representatives from the Medical Group Management Association;

(2) three representatives from the Medical-Chirurgical Society of Maryland;

(3) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Health Maintenance Organizations;

(4) two representatives of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(5) one representative from a nonprofit health service plan;

(6) one representative from a credentialing verification organization that is a Maryland corporation;

(7) one representative of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission; and

(8) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(c) The representative of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission is the Chairperson of the Task Force;

(d) The Task Force shall examine the feasibility of the creation and use of a uniform addendum to the uniform credentialing form to request information in addition to the information requested in the uniform credentialing form that is sought by carriers from health care providers that are to be credentialed or recredentialed for participation on a provider panel; and

(e) On or before February 1, 1999, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Task Force shall submit a report on its findings, including any recommendations, to the President of the Senate of Maryland, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, and the respective Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998 and at the end of February 1, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act.”.