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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 40

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “payors;” insert “requiring the Commission to study certain health care coverage plans, hold certain hearings, and issue certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring a plan studied by the Commission to include certain principals; requiring certain Commission reports to include certain information;”; and after line 13, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1517

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, after line 9, insert:

“19-1517.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY AND ISSUE A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE PLANS TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

(2) EACH ALTERNATIVE PLAN STUDIED SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE FOR ALL MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE; AND

(II) CONTAIN A DESCRIPTION OF THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

(Over)

SYSTEM OPTIONS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1. UNIVERSAL COVERAGE;
2. COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS FOR THE FULL RANGE OF MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE;
3. AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE;
4. EQUITABLE FINANCING AND REAL COST CONTROLS;
5. DELIVERY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE;
6. SIMPLIFIED ADMINISTRATION THAT REDUCES BUREAUCRACY AND ELIMINATES UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND
7. PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMERS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

(3) THE REPORT SHALL:

(I) INCLUDE A DELIVERY SYSTEM OPTION BASED ON A SINGLE, UNIFIED, PUBLICLY ADMINISTERED HEALTH SYSTEM; AND

(II) CONTAIN AN ANALYSIS OF EACH DELIVERY SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN, INCLUDING A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT POLICY, ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCING, POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS, AND LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO EACH OPTION.

(B) IN DEVELOPING THE PRELIMINARY REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY CONSULT WITH HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, PAYORS, THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSON.

(C) AFTER SUBMITTING ITS PRELIMINARY REPORT AND BEFORE SUBMITTING ITS FINAL REPORT, THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FINDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT.

(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 1999, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE PRELIMINARY REPORT AND, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2000, THE FINAL REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.”.