

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 980

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Insurance - Pharmaceutical Benefits - Patients’ Rights” and substitute “Health Maintenance Organizations - Formulary Development Process - Accreditation Status”; and strike beginning with “certain” in line 3 down through “coverage” in line 24 and substitute “the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission to include in a certain annual evaluation information regarding whether the formulary development process of certain health maintenance organizations meets certain accreditation standards; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the publication of quality of care and performance measurements of health maintenance organizations”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1508(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 2 through line 16 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“19-1508.

(c) (1) The Commission shall:

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(i) [On or before January 1, 1994, establish] ESTABLISH and implement a system to comparatively evaluate the quality of care outcomes and performance measurements of health maintenance organization benefit plans and services on an objective basis; and

(ii) Annually publish the summary findings of the evaluation.

(2) The purpose of a comparable performance measurement system established under this section is to assist health maintenance organization benefit plans to improve the quality of care provided by establishing a common set of performance measurements and disseminating the findings of the performance measurements to health maintenance organizations and interested parties.

(3) The system, where appropriate, shall solicit performance information from enrollees of health maintenance organizations.

(4) (i) The Commission shall adopt regulations to establish the system of evaluation provided under this section.

(ii) Before adopting regulations to implement an evaluation system under this section, the Commission shall consider any recommendations of the quality of care subcommittee of the Group Health Association of America and the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

(5) The Commission may contract with a private, nonprofit entity to implement the system required under this subsection provided that the entity is not an insurer.

(6) THE ANNUAL EVALUATION SUMMARY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE DRUG FORMULARY ACCREDITATION STANDARDS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE (NCQA); AND

(II) INDICATE WHETHER THE FORMULARY DEVELOPMENT

PROCESS OF EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION EVALUATED COMPLIES WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON QUALITY ASSURANCE (NCQA) ACCREDITATION STANDARDS.”.

On page 5, in line 17, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.