

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 931

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Explanations and Expense Ratios” and substitute “Quality Measures, Explanations, and Expense Ratios”; in line 9, after “terms;” insert “establishing a task force to develop performance quality measures for managed behavioral health care organizations; providing for the membership and responsibilities of the task force; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, after “ADMINISTRATOR;” insert “OR”; and in line 31, strike “; PLAN, OR CERTIFICATE” and substitute “OR PLAN”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 24, insert:

“(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.”

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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15-126.”;

in line 25, strike “(D)” and substitute “(E)”; and strike lines 36 and 37 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

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On page 3, after line 37, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Develop Performance Quality Measures for Managed Behavioral Health Care Organizations.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following 10 members:

(1) The Executive Director of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission;

(2) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary’s designee;

(3) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner;

(4) One representative of the managed behavioral care organization industry, appointed by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission;

(5) Two representatives of carriers that use the services of a managed behavioral care organization, appointed by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission;

(6) One psychologist appointed by the Maryland Psychological Association;

(7) One nurse psychotherapist appointed by the Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Maryland;

(8) One psychiatrist appointed by the Maryland Psychiatric Society; and

(9) One social worker appointed by the Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work.

(c) The Executive Director of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission shall serve as the Chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall develop measures of quality for the provision of behavioral health care services to members or enrollees of managed behavioral health care organizations.

- (e) In developing the measures of quality, the Task Force shall consider:
- (1) Discharge rates for members or enrollees who receive in-patient mental health and substance abuse services;
 - (2) The average length of stay for members or enrollees who receive in-patient mental health and substance abuse services;
 - (3) The percentage of enrollees receiving in-patient and out-patient services for mental health and substance abuse;
 - (4) Readmission rates of members and enrollees who receive in-patient mental health and substance abuse treatment;
 - (5) The level of patient satisfaction with the quality of managed behavioral health care services received; and
 - (6) Any other quality measures that the Task Force deems appropriate.
- (f) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by December 15, 1999.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 7, inclusive; in line 8, after “That” insert “Sections 1 and 3 of”; and after line 9, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.”.