

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 572

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike lines 2 and 3 in their entirety, and substitute "Patient Protection Act"; and strike beginning with "persons" in line 4 down through "practitioners" in line 7 and substitute "health insurance carriers to provide a copy of certain reimbursement schedules, coding guidelines, and the methodology used to determine any bonuses or other incentive-based compensation under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which certain health insurance carriers may provide bonuses or other incentive-based compensation to a health care practitioner; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to compensation of health care practitioners by health insurance carriers".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 11 down through "PRACTITIONER." in line 32.

On page 3, in line 1, strike "(D)"; in line 3, strike "does not"; in line 4, strike "violate" and substitute "COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF"; in the same line, strike "or"; in line 5, strike "deter" and substitute "PROMOTES"; in the same line, after "enrollee" insert "; AND

(3) EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISION OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES, IS NOT BASED ON THE COST, OR NUMBER OF MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED, PROPOSED, OR RECOMMENDED BY THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MEDICAL APPROPRIATENESS OR NECESSITY OF THE SERVICES"; after line 5, insert:

"(D) (1) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WITH A WRITTEN COPY OF:

(Over)

(I) A SCHEDULE OF APPLICABLE FEES FOR UP TO THE TWENTY MOST COMMON SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY;

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CODING GUIDELINES USED BY THE CARRIER THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY; AND

(III) THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRACTITIONER AND THE METHODOLOGY THAT THE CARRIER USES TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO:

1. INCREASE OR REDUCE THE PRACTITIONER'S LEVEL OF REIMBURSEMENT; AND

2. PROVIDE A BONUS OR OTHER INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION TO THE PRACTITIONER.

(2) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES:

(I) AT THE TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION;

(II) 30 DAYS PRIOR TO A CHANGE; AND

(III) UPON REQUEST OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.