

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 43

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “providing” in line 3 down through “contracts” in line 10 and substitute “requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations governing standard contract provisions to be used by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations by a certain date; repealing certain provisions of law relating to standard health insurance policy provisions, subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to certify to certain committees and to the Department of Legislative Services that a certain contingency has occurred; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to standard health insurance contract provisions”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 1 through line 3 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing

Article - Insurance

Section 15-303 and 15-307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

(Over)

Section 12-203(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 2 through line 27 on page 9, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-303 and 15-307 of Article - Insurance of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(i) The provisions of §§ 12-203(G), 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, 15-812, 15-826, and 15-828 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

Article - Insurance

12-203.

(G) BY REGULATION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT THE LANGUAGE AND FORMAT FOR STANDARD PROVISIONS REQUIRED UNDER § 12-102(A) OF THIS TITLE FOR CONTRACTS AND POLICIES ISSUED BY INSURERS, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 9, after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the regulations required under § 12-203(g) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, shall be submitted to the Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee by January 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the date that regulations adopted in accordance with this Act take effect. The Maryland Insurance Commissioner, in writing, shall certify to the House Economic Matters Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Department of Legislative Services the date on which the regulations take effect.”;

in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 4 of this Act.”.