

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1023

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “term;” insert “making certain provisions of law applicable to certain health benefit plans;”; and after line 14, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-10A-01.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)”.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 7, strike “POLICY” and substitute “POLICY, CONTRACT,”; in line 9, strike “LOCATED IN MARYLAND OR ANY OTHER STATE COVERING MARYLAND RESIDENTS”; in line 10, after the first “A” insert “HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL”; in line 11, strike “THAT COVERS MARYLAND RESIDENTS”; in line 22, strike “ARE” and substitute “IS”; in line 23, after “PROVIDER” insert “NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CARRIER”; and in line 24, after “ANY” insert “OTHER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 12, strike “(1)”; in the same line, strike “MEANS:” and substitute “HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 2-112.2(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 35, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, after line 19, insert:

“15-10A-01.1.

(Over)

THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT:

(1) IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED IN THE STATE; OR

(2) COVERS INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE OR WORK IN THE STATE IF THE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN IS DELIVERED OR ISSUED IN A STATE THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES DOES NOT HAVE AN EXTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCESS FOR ADVERSE DECISIONS OR GRIEVANCES COMPARABLE TO THE COMPLAINT PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBTITLE.”.