

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 154

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Maintenance Organizations" and substitute "Insurance Carriers"; in the same line, strike "Physicians" and substitute "Providers"; in line 4, strike "health maintenance organizations" and substitute "a carrier"; in line 5, strike "physician" and substitute "provider"; in the same line, strike "physician's" and substitute "provider's"; in line 6, strike "health maintenance organization" and substitute "carrier"; in line 7, strike "health maintenance organization" and substitute "carrier"; strike beginning with "grievance" in line 8 down through "organizations" in line 9 and substitute "notification and appeal of a provider who is terminated from participation on a health insurance carrier's provider panel"; and in line 12, strike "(h)" and substitute "(b) and (h)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

"(b) A carrier that uses a provider panel shall establish procedures to:

(1) review applications for participation on the carrier's provider panel in accordance with this section;

(2) notify an enrollee of:

(i) the termination from the carrier's provider panel of the primary care provider that was furnishing health care services to the enrollee; and

(ii) the right of the enrollee, on request, to continue to receive health care services from the enrollee's primary care provider for up to 90 days after the date of the notice of termination of the enrollee's primary care provider from the carrier's provider panel, if the termination was for reasons unrelated to fraud, patient abuse, incompetency, or loss of licensure

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status;

(3) notify primary care providers on the carrier's provider panel of the termination of a specialty referral services provider; [and]

(4) notify a provider at least 90 days before the date of the termination of the provider from the carrier's provider panel, if the termination is for reasons unrelated to fraud, patient abuse, incompetency, or loss of licensure status; AND

(5) PROVIDE NOTICE TO A PROVIDER OF THE CARRIER'S REASON OR REASONS FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE PROVIDER FROM THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL ALONG WITH A NOTICE OF TERMINATION."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 23, strike the first "THE" and substitute "A"; in the same line, strike "PHYSICIAN" and substitute "PROVIDER".

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with "HEALTH" in line 24 on page 1 through "(II)" in line 4 on page 2 and substitute "CARRIER, THE CARRIER, FOR ISSUES RELATED TO QUALITY OF CARE OR ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL OR UNETHICAL CONDUCT, SHALL".

On page 2, in line 4, strike "PHYSICIANS" and substitute "PROVIDERS"; and in line 5, strike "PHYSICIAN" and substitute "PROVIDER".