

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 585

(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; directing the Health Care Access and Cost Commission to provide a certain indication under certain circumstances; providing for certain effective dates for certain provisions of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

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 Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) The Executive Director of the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, or the Executive Director’s designee;

(3) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner;

(4) One representative of the managed behavioral health care organization industry, appointed by the Secretary;

(5) Two representatives of carriers that use the services of a managed behavioral health care organization, appointed by the Secretary;

(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 Secretary and the Executive Director shall jointly chair 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 inpatient mental health and substance abuse services;

(2) The average length of stay for members or enrollees who receive inpatient mental health and substance abuse services;

(3) The percentage of enrollees receiving inpatient and outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse;

(4) Readmission rates of members and enrollees who receive inpatient 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) Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Task Force shall report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by December 15, 1999.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that, if practicable, the Health Care Access and Cost Commission indicate in the annual HMO Performance Report that an HMO has subcontracted for managed behavioral health care services.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 7, inclusive; in line 8, strike “4.” and

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substitute "5."; in the same line, after "That" insert "Section 1 of"; and after line 9, insert:

"SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999."