

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 54

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 6, after "Program;" insert "requiring the Insurance Commissioner to consult with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene before taking certain actions;"; in line 15, after "Section" insert "19-712(b) and".

On page 2, in line 1, after "(C)" insert "(1)"; in the same line, strike "§ 19-713.2" and substitute "§§ 19-712(B) AND 19-713.2"; after line 3, insert:

"(2) THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARY BEFORE TAKING AN ACTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.";

and after line 9, insert:

"19-712.

(b) (1) A person who holds a certificate of authority to operate a health maintenance organization under this subtitle and who enters into any administrative service provider contract, as defined in § 19-713.1 of this subtitle, with a person or entity for the provision of health care services to subscribers shall be responsible for all claims or payments for health care services:

(i) Covered under the subscriber's contract; and

(ii) Rendered by a provider, who is not the person or entity which entered into the administrative service provider contract with the health maintenance organization, pursuant to a referral by a person or entity which entered into the administrative service provider contract with the health maintenance organization.

(2) Responsibility for claims and payments under this subsection is subject to the provisions of § 19-712.1 of this subtitle."