

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 6

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Wood” and substitute “Wood, W. Baker, Barkley, Bobo, Bronrott, Brown, Cadden, Cane, Clagett, Conroy, DeCarlo, Doory, Dypski, Finifter, Franchot, Frush, Giannetti, Goldwater, Griffith, Hammen, Healey, Hecht, Hubers, James, V. Jones, Krysiak, Love, Malone, Mandel, Marriott, McHale, McIntosh, Moe, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Patterson, Pendergrass, Petzold, Pitkin, Proctor, Rosso, Sophocleus, Stern, Turner, Valderrama, Weir, and Zirkin”; in line 2, strike “for Rehabilitation” and substitute “of Habilitative Services”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “reasons” in line 6 and substitute “requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage of habilitative services for certain children; specifying that certain habilitative services do not have to be covered by certain entities”; in line 8, strike “providing for the effect of this Act” and substitute “defining certain terms; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to submit a certain report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on or before a certain date”; and in line 9, strike “for rehabilitation” and substitute “of habilitative services”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

“(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “HABILITATIVE SERVICES” MEANS SERVICES, INCLUDING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH THERAPY, FOR THE TREATMENT OF A CHILD WITH CONGENITAL AND GENETIC BIRTH DEFECTS TO ENHANCE THE CHILD’S ABILITY TO FUNCTION.

(Over)

(3) “MANAGED CARE SYSTEM” MEANS A METHOD THAT AN INSURER, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION USES TO REVIEW AND PREAUTHORIZE A TREATMENT PLAN THAT A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER DEVELOPS FOR A COVERED PERSON USING A VARIETY OF COST CONTAINMENT METHODS TO CONTROL UTILIZATION, QUALITY, AND CLAIMS.”;

in line 3, strike “(A)” and substitute “(B)”; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE OF HABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS THROUGH A MANAGED CARE SYSTEM.

(2) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR HABILITATIVE SERVICES DELIVERED THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION OR SCHOOL SERVICES.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 19, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 26, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2000, the Maryland Health Care Commission, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Finance Committee a report detailing the financial, medical, and social impact of the coverage required under this Act.”;

in line 27, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in the same line, strike “shall apply” and substitute “applies”; strike beginning with “Any” in line 29 down through “2001.” in line 30; and in line 31, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.