

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 516

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "Benefits" and substitute "Coverage"; strike beginning with "altering" in line 3 down through "insurance" in line 9 and substitute "prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding certain benefits for in vitro fertilization under certain circumstances; providing that the requirement that the patient and the patient's spouse have a history of infertility of a certain duration to be eligible for certain in vitro fertilization health insurance benefits does not apply if the infertility is associated with abnormal male factors contributing to the infertility; requiring that certain benefits be provided to certain extents; decreasing the duration of time for which certain individuals must have a history of infertility in order to be eligible for certain in vitro fertilization health insurance benefits; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit coverage for certain in vitro fertilization benefits; providing for an exclusion from certain required coverage under certain circumstances"; in line 9, after "to" insert "coverage of"; in line 10, strike "under health insurance"; after line 10, insert:

"BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(nn)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)";

and in line 13, strike "and 15-1207".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

"Article - Health - General

(Over)

19-706.

(NN) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-810 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.”;

and after line 20, insert:

“(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 7 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 8, strike “A policy, contract, or certificate” and substitute “AN ENTITY”; strike beginning with “policyholder” in line 10 down through “holder,” in line 11 and substitute “POLICYHOLDER OR SUBSCRIBER”; strike beginning with “policyholder” in line 11 down through “holder” in line 12 and substitute “POLICYHOLDER OR SUBSCRIBER”; in line 13, strike “provided” and substitute “PROVIDED”:

(I) FOR INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS.”;

in line 14, strike “procedures” and substitute “PROCEDURES; AND

(II) FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR OTHER INFERTILITY SERVICES”;

in line 16, strike “policyholder, subscriber, or certificate holder,” and substitute “POLICYHOLDER OR SUBSCRIBER”; in line 17, strike “policyholder, subscriber, or certificate holder” and substitute “POLICYHOLDER OR SUBSCRIBER”; in line 18, strike the brackets; in line 19, in each instance,

strike the bracket; in the same line, strike "(2)"; in the same line, strike "HAS"; in line 20, strike "5" and substitute "2"; in line 25, strike "or"; in line 27, after the semicolon insert "OR"; after line 27, insert:

"4. ABNORMAL MALE FACTOR, INCLUDING OLIGOSPERMIA, CONTRIBUTING TO THE INFERTILITY;";

in lines 28 and 31, in each instance, strike the brackets; in lines 28 and 31, strike "(3)" and "(4)", respectively; in line 30, strike "policy, contract, or certificate" and substitute "POLICY OR CONTRACT"; and after line 34, insert:

"(D) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY LIMIT COVERAGE OF THE BENEFITS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THREE IN VITRO FERTILIZATION ATTEMPTS PER LIVE BIRTH, NOT TO EXCEED A MAXIMUM LIFETIME BENEFIT OF \$100,000.

"(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, IF THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION CONFLICTS WITH THE BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ON REQUEST OF THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL EXCLUDE THE COVERAGE OTHERWISE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION IN A POLICY OR CONTRACT WITH THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 3 through line 22 on page 4.

On page 4, in line 23, strike "shall apply" and substitute "applies"; and strike beginning with "Any" in line 25 down through "2001." in line 27.