

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 559

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "circumstances;" insert "requiring a certain provider to give notice to a certain carrier of the provider's intention to terminate participation on a provider panel; requiring a certain provider to continue to provide health care services to certain individuals for a certain period of time; authorizing a certain carrier to require a provider to serve on a provider panel of a managed care organization under certain circumstances;".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 26, after "(2)" insert "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,"; after line 31, insert:

"(3) SUBJECT TO § 15-102.5 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, A CARRIER THAT OFFERS HEALTH CARE SERVICES AS A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED UNDER § 15-101(F) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, MAY REQUIRE A PROVIDER, AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION ON A PROVIDER PANEL FOR ONE OR MORE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OF THE CARRIER, TO SERVE ON A PROVIDER PANEL OF THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION.

(4) IF A PROVIDER ELECTS TO TERMINATE PARTICIPATION ON THE PROVIDER PANEL OF A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, THE PROVIDER SHALL:

(I) NOTIFY THE CARRIER AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF TERMINATION; AND

(II) FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION, CONTINUE TO FURNISH HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO AN ENROLLEE OF THE CARRIER FOR WHOM THE PROVIDER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PRIOR TO THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION."