BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 728 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "requiring" in line 4 down through "circumstances" in line 6 and substitute "<u>altering the circumstances under which a health maintenance organization must pay a claim submitted by a health care provider other than a hospital with rates approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission; altering the rates at which reimbursement must be paid".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 27, strike the brackets.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive; in line 5, strike "3." and substitute "2."; in the same line, after "provider" insert "FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO A TRAUMA PATIENT IN A TRAUMA CENTER, AS DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS,"; in line 6, strike "125%" and substitute "140%"; strike beginning with the second "the" in line 6 down through "area" in line 7 and substitute "PAID BY THE MEDICARE PROGRAM, AS PUBLISHED BY THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION"; in line 8, strike "under written contract with the health maintenance organization"; in line 9, strike "2000" and substitute "2001"; and strike beginning with "not" in line 11 down through "organization" in line 12.