

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 481

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in line 3, after “Program” insert “and Public Mental Health System”; in line 6, after “programs” insert “and the public mental health system”; in line 9, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after the second “Program” insert “and the public mental health system”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “CPT-3” and substitute “CDT-3”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 23, strike “REFLECTS” and substitute “CONSIDERS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall establish a process to annually set the fee-for-service reimbursement rates for the public mental health system in a manner that ensures participation of providers.

(b) In determining the rates for outpatient mental health clinics, the Department shall consider the Medicare-allowable charges for comparable CPT Codes.

(c) In determining the rates for public mental health system services having no Medicare CPT Code equivalent, the Department shall consider the reasonable costs of and the Medicare Principles of Reimbursement for relevant factors, including:

(Over)

- (1) staffing;
- (2) overhead;
- (3) capital needs; and
- (4) annual medical inflation.”;

and in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.