

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 612

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Reimbursement for Outpatient Mental Health Treatment”; and strike beginning with “Department” in line 4 down through “hospital” in line 10 and substitute “Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse certain providers of outpatient mental health treatment a certain amount of the Program fee for certain individuals; defining certain terms; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a study and make a certain report to certain committees; and generally relating to reimbursement for outpatient mental health treatment”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 19, insert:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DUAL ELIGIBILITY” MEANS SIMULTANEOUS ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER BOTH THE PROGRAM AND MEDICARE.”;

and in line 20, strike “(a)” and substitute “(B)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 22, after “individual” insert an opening bracket.

On page 2, in line 1, after “coverage” insert “] WITH DUAL ELIGIBILITY”; in lines 3 and 5, strike “(b)” and “(c)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 25 through 37, inclusive.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 4, insert:

“(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PROVIDER” MEANS A COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM OR AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER PROVIDING OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.

(2) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DUAL ELIGIBILITY, THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE A PROVIDER THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, INCLUDING ANY AMOUNT ORDINARILY WITHHELD AS A PSYCHIATRIC EXCLUSION AND ANY COPAYMENT NOT COVERED UNDER MEDICARE.”;

and in line 5, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 6, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall:

(a) conduct an analysis of the reimbursement of outpatient mental health care treatment provided at off-site, community-based mental health centers by Maryland hospitals that includes:

(1) the number of off-site, community-based mental health centers for which hospitals provide outpatient mental health services;

(2) the estimated cost of funding these mental health centers under the Maryland hospital rate setting system;

(3) the effect on Maryland’s Medicare waiver of including these mental health centers under the rate setting system; and

(4) the potential impact of funding these mental health centers under the rate setting system on:

- (i) the provision of outpatient mental health services by hospitals; and
- (ii) the affiliation of mental health centers with hospitals; and

(b) report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations, including any proposals for legislation.”;

and in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.