

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 819

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Health Care Practitioners - Credentials” and substitute “Hospitals”; in the same line, after “Uniform” insert “Standard”; in line 3, after “uniform” insert “standard”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “definitions” in line 11 and substitute “requiring hospitals to use the uniform standard credentialing form as the initial application of a physician seeking to be credentialed; providing that the use of the uniform standard credentialing form does not preclude a hospital from requiring additional information; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to permit a carrier to use a health care facility’s credentialing form in certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to consult with certain organizations in the development of the uniform standard credentialing form; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act”; in line 11, after “uniform” insert “standard”; in line 12, strike “a health care provider” and substitute “hospitals”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 27, after “(1)” insert “IN THIS SUBSECTION, “UNIFORM STANDARD CREDENTIALING FORM” MEANS THE FORM DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY THROUGH REGULATION FOR CREDENTIALING PHYSICIANS WHO SEEK TO BE EMPLOYED BY OR HAVE STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL.”

(2)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 3 after “UNIFORM” insert “STANDARD”; strike beginning with “PURSUANT” in line 3 down through “ARTICLE” in line 4 and substitute “AS THE INITIAL APPLICATION OF A PHYSICIAN SEEKING TO BE CREDENTIALLED”; after line 4, insert:

(Over)

“(3) USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARD CREDENTIALING FORM DOES NOT PRECLUDE A HOSPITAL FROM REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS PART OF THE HOSPITAL’S CREDENTIALING PROCESS.”;

in lines 5, 20, and 25, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively; and in line 25 strike “credentialing” and substitute “CREDENTIALING”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 2 through line 13 on page 4, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, in line 14, strike “until such time as”; strike beginning with the comma in line 15 down through “Act,” in line 16 and substitute “may permit”; in line 17, strike “may” and substitute “to”; strike beginning with “, in” in line 20 down through “with” in line 22; strike beginning with “carriers” in line 23 down through “form” in line 25 and substitute “the Maryland Hospital Association, the University of Maryland Medical System, the Johns Hopkins University Hospital, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, the Medical Group Management Association, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, and other affected parties in developing a uniform standard credentialing form, for purposes of § 19-319(e) of the Health - General Article as enacted by this Act, that is to be used for the uniform and consistent collection of the basic information required by all hospitals as part of the credentialing process.”

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in conjunction with the process of developing a uniform standard credentialing form under Section 3 of this Act, the Secretary shall examine methods to address delays in carrier processing of physicians’ initial applications for credentialing”;

after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.”;

in line 26, strike “4.” and substitute “6.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act,”.