

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 25

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from certain interested parties;”; in the same line, strike “a”; in the same line, strike “report” and substitute “reports”; in line 7, strike “a”; and in the same line, strike “date” and substitute “dates”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 6, inclusive; in line 7, strike “(7)” and substitute “(5)”; strike in their entirety lines 13 through 15, inclusive, and substitute:

“(i) One representative of the commercial health insurance industry;

“(ii) One representative of a commercial health maintenance organization;

and”;

in line 17, strike “and”; and in line 18, strike “(8)” and substitute “(6)”.

On page 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 2 through line 10 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(v) One consumer member who is the family member of an adult who receives mental health care services;

“(vi) One consumer member who is the family member of a child who receives mental health care services; and

“(vii) One consumer member who receives mental health services; and

(Over)

(7) One member representing the rural mental health community appointed by the Forvm for Rural Maryland.

(c) The Task Force shall invite the participation of and solicit commentary from all interested parties who are not members of the Task Force.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in lines 11, 13, 15, and 19, strike “(c)”, “(d)”, “(e)”, and “(f)”, respectively, and substitute “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively; after line 28, insert:

“(2) The systemic barriers experienced by commercially-insured individuals when attempting to access community treatment;

(3) How to ensure that commercially-insured individuals have access to medically-necessary mental health treatment;”;

in line 29, strike “(2)” and substitute “(4)”; in the same line, strike “differences” and substitute “difference”; in the same line, strike “the coverage of”; in the same line, after “services” insert “coverage provided by”; in the same line, strike “among”; in line 30, after the first “commercial” insert “health”; in line 32, strike “(3)” and substitute “(5)”; in the same line, after “the” insert “public and private”; in line 33, strike “system” and substitute “systems”; and in the same line, after the semicolon insert “and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike lines 1 and 2 in their entirety; in line 3, strike “(5)” and substitute “(6)”; in the same line, after “impact” insert “on the cost of health care coverage in the State”; strike beginning with “on” in line 3 down through “coverage” in line 4 and substitute “to the coverage or delivery of mental health care services”; in line 5, strike “(g)” and substitute “(h)”; in the same line, strike “The Task Force shall report” and substitute “On or before December 31, 2003, the Task Force shall issue a preliminary report of its findings, and on or before December 31, 2004, shall issue a final report of”; in line 7, strike “, on or before December 31,”; and in the same line, strike “2004”.