

BY: Senator Teitelbaum

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 125  
(First Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 88, under:

Heading: MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Program: M00Q01.02

Entitled: Office of Operations and Eligibility

In line 5, after "Appropriation" insert "., provided that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the budget committees, Senate Finance Committee, and House Health and Government Operations Committee on the timeliness of payments to nursing homes and providers of home- and community-based services. The report shall specify the frequency with which providers are not reimbursed within 30 days of delivering services to a Medicaid eligible individual. The report shall also: identify alternatives for achieving prompt payment to providers; consider the possibility of making interest payments to providers; detail efforts to create a working fund for providers that experience payment delays; and detail a time frame for resolving the problem of untimely payments to providers. The report shall be submitted by October 1, 2004.".