

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 771
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “stipend;” in line 11; and in line 12, after “reimbursement;” insert “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide for a certain dedicated staff person for certain purposes under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, after “ENROLLEES” insert “REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTIRE MEDICAID POPULATION”; in lines 6 and 9, in each instance, strike the brackets; in line 6, strike “NOT MORE THAN FIVE PROVIDERS”; in line 9, strike “NOT MORE THAN TWO HOSPITAL”; in line 23, strike “AND”; and after line 24, insert:

“J. LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS THROUGH THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM; AND

K. INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, in line 19, strike “10” and substitute “5”; strike beginning with “IS” in line 21 down through “THAT” in line 22 and substitute “REASONABLY”; in line 24, strike “SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS” and substitute “SUBSUBPARAGRAPH”; in line 25, strike “AND 3”; and strike in their entirety lines 29 through 35, inclusive, and substitute:

“2. A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WHO IS AN ENROLLEE IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR:

(Over)

A. EXPENSES FOR PERSONAL AND DEPENDENT CARE INCURRED DURING THE MEETING AND DURING TRAVEL TIME TO AND FROM THE MEETING;

B. EXPENSES FOR COGNITIVE SUPPORTS RELATED TO THE MEETING; AND

C. APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE MEETING.

3. ON REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR A DEDICATED DEPARTMENT STAFF PERSON:

A. TO REVIEW MEETING MATERIALS WITH ENROLLEE MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF A MEETING BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON; AND

B. TO PROVIDE REFERRALS TO ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.”.