

**HB0754/596080/2**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 754, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3 of the bill, in line 13, after “Services;” insert “providing for the termination of a certain hospital rate assessment under certain circumstances; requiring the State to ensure that a certain transfer of funds and a certain hospital rate assessment are consistent with the State’s Medicare waiver and federal regulations;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4 of the Health and Government Operations Committee Amendments (HB0754/796383/1), strike Amendment No. 6 in its entirety.

On page 14 of the bill, in line 19, strike “**IF**” and substitute “**ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2009, IF**”; in line 20, strike “**(S.B. \_\_/ H.B. \_\_)**” and substitute “**(H.B. 754)**”; in line 22, strike “**MAY**” and substitute “**;**”

**(I) MAY**;

in the same line, strike “**UP TO THE AMOUNT**” and substitute “**EQUAL TO A PORTION**”; in line 23, after “**CARE**” insert “**;****AND**”

**(II) SHALL ADJUST RATES TO RETURN SAVINGS TO PAYORS.**

**(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE SAVINGS IN AVERTED UNCOMPENSATED CARE FOR EACH HOSPITAL INDIVIDUALLY**;

and in line 24, strike “**(2)**” and substitute “**(3)**”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 34 of the bill, in line 21, strike “4” and substitute “3”.

On page 36 of the bill, before line 9, insert:

“SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the State’s Medicare waiver under § 1814(b) of the federal Social Security Act terminates, the hospital rate assessment specified under § 19-214 of the Health – General Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year in which the waiver terminates.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State shall ensure that the transfer of funds from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund under Section 13 of this Act and the hospital rate assessment specified under § 19-214 of the Health – General Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act, shall be consistent with the State’s Medicare waiver under § 1814(b) of the federal Social Security Act and federal regulations.”.

On page 10 of the Health and Government Operations Committee Amendments, in line 7 of Amendment No. 14, strike “14.” and substitute “16.”.