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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 843</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "and Stein" and substitute "<u>Stein, V.</u> <u>Turner, Kullen, Pena-Melnyk, Nathan-Pulliam, Morhaim, Donoghue, Kach,</u> <u>McDonough, Benson, Tarrant, and Oaks</u>"; strike beginning with "Subscriber" in line 2 down through "Investigations" in line 3 and substitute "<u>Internal Grievance Procedure</u> <u>and Mediation</u>"; strike beginning with the first "to" in line 7 down through "Aging" in line 10 and substitute "<u>and providers to seek certain mediation services within a</u> <u>certain time after the conclusion of a certain internal grievance procedure</u>"; in line 11, strike "subscriber complaints and investigations" and substitute "<u>internal grievance</u> <u>procedures and meditation</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 17 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 4, after "SUBSCRIBERS" insert "<u>COLLECTIVELY</u>"; in line 5, strike "IN ANY FORM"; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 8, inclusive; in line 9, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "(3)"; in lines 11, 13, and 16, strike "(4)", "(5)", and "(6)", respectively, and substitute "(3)", "(4)", and "(5)", respectively; in line 12, strike "AND ITS CAUSE IN A PROMPT MANNER"; after line 17, insert:

"(C) (1) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION, A SUBSCRIBER OR PROVIDER MAY SEEK MEDIATION THROUGH ONE OF THE COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTERS IN THE STATE OR ANOTHER MEDIATION PROVIDER.

(2) IF A PROVIDER OR SUBSCRIBER SEEKS MEDIATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

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(I) THE MEDIATION SHALL BE NONBINDING; AND

(II) THE PROVIDER AND SUBSCRIBER MAY NOT BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL.";

and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 26, inclusive.