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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 154

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Glassman” and substitute “Glassman, Edwards, Astle, Garagiola, Kelley, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Middleton, and Pugh”; and in line 12, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring a health maintenance organization to reimburse certain ambulance service providers in accordance with certain provisions of law; prohibiting a certain allowed amount for a health care service provided by a certain ambulance service provider from being less than a certain amount; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 27, insert:

“(6) “NONPREFERRED PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-201 OF THIS ARTICLE.

“(7) “PREFERRED PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-201 OF THIS ARTICLE.

“(8) “PREFERRED PROVIDER INSURANCE POLICY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 14-201 OF THIS ARTICLE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 2, insert:

“(D) (1) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT

(Over)

UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND IS NOT UNDER WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 19-710.1 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(2) AN INSURER'S OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN'S ALLOWED AMOUNT FOR A HEALTH CARE SERVICE COVERED UNDER A PREFERRED PROVIDER INSURANCE POLICY AND PROVIDED BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT IS A NONPREFERRED PROVIDER MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE ALLOWED AMOUNT PAID TO AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER WHO IS A PREFERRED PROVIDER FOR THE SAME HEALTH CARE SERVICE IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC REGION.

(E) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION."