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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 154
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Assignment of Benefits” and substitute “Direct Reimbursement”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 12 down through the second “a” in line 14 and substitute “prohibiting a health maintenance organization’s allowed amount for certain health care services provided by a certain ambulance service provider from being less than a certain amount, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; prohibiting an insurer’s or nonprofit health service plan’s allowed amount for a certain”; in line 16, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 17, after “implement” insert “certain provisions of”; and in the same line, after “Act;” insert “requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide certain reports to certain legislative committees on or before certain dates; providing for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 11, insert:

“(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP POLICIES OR CONTRACTS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A CARRIER.”;

in lines 12 and 17, strike “**(B)**” and “**(C)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(C) (1)**” and “**(D)**”, respectively; in line 12, strike “**A**” and substitute “**EXCEPT FOR A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, A**”; in the same line, after “**REIMBURSE**” insert “**DIRECTLY**”; in line 14, strike “**DIRECTLY**”; after line 16, insert:

“(2) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER DIRECTLY FOR COVERED SERVICES PROVIDED TO A SUBSCRIBER, ENROLLEE, OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL COVERED

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BY A POLICY OR CONTRACT ISSUED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.”;

and in line 18, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.

On page 4, in line 16, strike “MEDICARE-COVERED” and substitute “MEDICARE COVERED”; in lines 21 and 33, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively; strike beginning with “A” in line 21 down through “ARTICLE” in line 25 and substitute “NOTWITHSTANDING § 19-710.1 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION’S ALLOWED AMOUNT FOR A COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT IS NOT UNDER WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE LESS THAN THE ALLOWED AMOUNT PAID TO AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT IS UNDER WRITTEN CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION FOR THE SAME COVERED SERVICE IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC REGION, AS DEFINED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES”; in line 32, after “REGION” insert “, AS DEFINED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES”; and in line 33, strike “SHALL” and substitute “MAY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 34, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the changes occurring after the effective date of this Act, for services provided by ambulance service providers, in:

(1) the number of claims received;

(2) the number of claims paid; and

(3) the amount of claims paid.

(b) In its report, the Commission shall report separately on:

(1) the changes for services provided by in-network ambulance service providers; and

(2) the changes for services provided by out-of-network ambulance service providers.

(c) The Commission shall provide an interim report on or before January 1, 2014, and a final report on or before January 1, 2015.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in lines 1 and 4, strike “2.” and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “3.” and “4.”, respectively; in line 3, strike “October 1, 2011” and substitute “January 1, 2012”; and in line 5, strike “October 1, 2011.” and substitute “January 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.