

HB0694/203222/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 694
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Charkoudian” and substitute “Delegates Charkoudian, Pendergrass, Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Belcastro, Bhandari, Carr, Cullison, Hill, Johnson, Kaiser, Kelly, Kerr, Landis, R. Lewis, Rosenberg, Sample–Hughes, and K. Young”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “circumstances” in line 10 and substitute “requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, in coordination with the Department of Human Services, the State designated exchange, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Maryland Hospital Association, to develop a process for identifying and reimbursing certain patients of hospitals; requiring hospitals to implement the process under certain circumstances”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 8 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“(A) THE COMMISSION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE STATE DESIGNATED EXCHANGE, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, AND THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT:

(1) IDENTIFIES THE PATIENTS WHO PAID FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES WHO MAY HAVE QUALIFIED FOR FREE CARE UNDER § 19–214.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE AT THE TIME OF CARE IN CALENDAR YEARS 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, AND 2021;

(2) PROVIDES REIMBURSEMENT TO THE PATIENTS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(3) ENSURES THAT A PATIENT'S ALTERNATE ADDRESS IS USED IF THE PATIENT REQUESTED AN ALTERNATE ADDRESS FOR SAFETY REASONS; AND

(4) DETERMINES HOW THE COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER SHOULD SHARE WITH OR DISCLOSE RELEVANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING TAX INFORMATION, TO THE MINIMUM EXTENT NECESSARY, TO THE HOSPITAL AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROCESS DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JANUARY 1, 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION BY HOSPITALS OF THE PROCESS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF THE PROCESS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION REQUIRES LEGISLATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE THE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT REQUIRED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) IF THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE LEGISLATION, EACH HOSPITAL SHALL

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IMPLEMENT THE PROCESS DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023.

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 2 through line 6 on page 6, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, in line 8, strike “5” and substitute “2”; and in line 9, strike “2027” and substitute “2024”.