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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 707
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “right” and substitute “procedure”; in line 5, after “establishing” insert “a”; in the same line, strike “requirements” and substitute “requirement”; in line 7, strike “coverage” and substitute “provision”; and in line 11, strike “rights” and substitute “procedures”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in lines 29 and 30, strike “AND BENEFICIARIES, IN PLAIN LANGUAGE,”; in line 30, strike “RIGHT” and substitute “PROCEDURE”; and strike beginning with “IN” in line 31 down through “DIRECTORY” in line 32.

On page 6, in line 3, strike “For” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR”; after line 6, insert:

“(2) A CARRIER SHALL ENSURE THAT SERVICES RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ARE PROVIDED AT NO GREATER COST TO THE COVERED INDIVIDUAL THAN IF THE COVERED BENEFIT WERE PROVIDED BY A PROVIDER ON THE CARRIER’S PROVIDER PANEL.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 30, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, in line 15, strike “RIGHT” and substitute “PROCEDURES”; after line 18, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2022, the health occupations boards that license, certify, or otherwise regulate mental health and substance use disorder providers under the Health Occupations Article 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 progress the boards have made to develop a process for providing information on mental health and substance use disorder providers to carriers for the purpose of the carriers reaching out to the providers regarding participation in the carriers’ provider panels.”;

in lines 19 and 22, strike “2.” and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “3.” and “4.”, respectively; in line 23, strike “October 1, 2022.” and substitute “July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.