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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 902
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “of” insert “a”; in line 11, strike “services”; strike beginning with “prior” in line 11 down through “providers” in line 13 and substitute “utilization review requirements other than what would be required if the covered benefit was provided by a provider on the carrier’s provider panel under certain circumstances”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 13 down through “providers;” in line 15.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, after “(i)” insert “1.”; in the same line, strike “OR SEEKING CARE FOR”; in lines 17 and 20, strike “(ii) 1.” and “2.”, respectively, and substitute “2. A.” and “B.”, respectively; in line 22, strike the brackets; in line 23, before “WITHIN” insert “, INCLUDING”; and in line 24, after “REGULATION” insert “FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES; OR”

(II) 1. THE MEMBER IS SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE; AND

2. THE CARRIER CANNOT PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCESS TO A SPECIALIST OR NONPHYSICIAN SPECIALIST WITHIN THE REASONABLE APPOINTMENT WAITING TIME AND TRAVEL DISTANCE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN REGULATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “THE” in line 4 down through “PANEL” in line 12 and substitute “IF A CARRIER APPROVES A MEMBER’S REQUEST FOR A”

REFERRAL MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARRIER MAY NOT REQUIRE UTILIZATION REVIEW OTHER THAN WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THE COVERED BENEFIT WERE PROVIDED BY A PROVIDER ON THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL".

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 4 through line 8 on page 5, inclusive.