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<p>AMENDMENTS PREPARED BY THE DEPT. OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES</p> <p>23 FEB 21 09:16:15</p>

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(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 893
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Insurance** -” and substitute “- **Insurance**”; in the same line, after “**Study**” insert “**and Special Enrollment Period for Health Benefits**”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to open a certain enrollment period for an individual who consents to share information through a certain system; establishing certain requirements for a certain enrollment period; authorizing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to conduct outreach to a certain individual using certain methods;”; and in line 14, after “purpose;” insert “authorizing, for the purpose of implementing a certain system in a certain manner, the Maryland Department of Labor, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to take certain actions;”.

On page 2, in line 10, strike “insurance”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY adding to
Article - Insurance
Section 31-108(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“Article – Insurance

31-108.

(Over)

(H) (1) THE EXCHANGE SHALL OPEN A SPECIAL OR OTHER ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CONSENTS TO SHARE INFORMATION THROUGH THE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-109(B)(1) OF THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD OPENED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) APPLY TO QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS OFFERED THROUGH THE EXCHANGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL MARKET;

(II) BEGIN ON THE DATE THE EXCHANGE SENDS NOTICE TO THE INDIVIDUAL;

(III) LAST FOR A PERIOD OF TIME DETERMINED BY THE EXCHANGE AND THAT IS AT LEAST 30 DAYS; AND

(IV) BE AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S DEPENDENT AS DEFINED IN 45 C.F.R. § 155.420.

(3) THE EXCHANGE MAY CONDUCT OUTREACH TO AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION USING METHODS THAT INCLUDE:

(I) WRITTEN NOTICES;

(II) CONTACT THROUGH TELEPHONIC AND ELECTRONIC MEANS; AND

(III) THE PROVISION OF INDIVIDUALIZED ASSISTANCE BY INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS, NAVIGATORS, AND EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS AND STAFF.”.

On page 5, after line 25, insert:

“(5) TO FACILITATE THE MOST EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT, THE MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE, AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY:

(I) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS;

(II) ADOPT REGULATIONS;

(III) ADOPT GUIDELINES;

(IV) ESTABLISH ACCOUNTS;

(V) CONDUCT TRAININGS;

(VI) PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION; AND

(VII) TAKE ANY OTHER STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.