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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 611
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Division” in line 4 down through “Health” in line 5 and substitute “Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program jointly”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “Division” in line 11 down through “Health” in line 12 and substitute “Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program jointly”; in line 16, strike “quantify” and substitute “analyze”; in the same line, after “per” insert “enrollee”; in line 17, strike “as a result of the use of hospice care; and” and substitute “associated with hospice care utilization during the last 6 months of life compared with costs associated with other services provided to Program enrollees during the last 6 months of life, including the impact on:

- (i) avoided inpatient hospital stays;
- (ii) emergency department utilization; and
- (iii) intensive treatments near the end of life;”;

in line 18, after “(2)” insert “analyze the projected fiscal impact of the provision of reimbursement for hospice house room and board services, including any potential offsets or net savings;

(3);

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in line 20, strike “hospice” and substitute “hospital”; in line 22, before “result” insert “improve early access to hospice services;

(iv)”;

and in the same line, strike “and”.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “(iv)” and substitute “(v)””; and in the same line, after “utilization” insert “; and

(4) include a comparison of other states that provide reimbursement for hospice house room and board service, including a comparison of:

(i) payment models;

(ii) utilization outcomes; and

(iii) cost impacts”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “September 30” and substitute “December 1”.