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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 808
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “though” and substitute “through”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 5 down through “frame;” in line 6; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 12 down through “panel;” in line 13 and substitute “altering the credentialing applications that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may designate for a certain credentialing system and the circumstances under which the designation may be made;”; in line 18, after “(t),” insert “and”; in the same line, strike “and (x)” and substitute “15-112.1”; and in line 23, strike “and 15-112.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 28, strike “5” and substitute “15”.

On page 5, strike beginning with the colon in line 4 down through “2.” in line 8; in line 12, strike “30” and substitute “60”; and in line 23, strike “15” and substitute “30”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike beginning with the colon in line 33 on page 5 down through “2.” in line 4 on page 6.

On page 6, strike beginning with “(i)” in line 6 down through “(ii)” in line 22; and in lines 22, 26, 28, and 30, strike “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively.

On pages 12 and 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 12 through line 4 on page 13, inclusive.

On page 10, in lines 1 and 2, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 2, strike “§ 15-112.3(D)”; in line 23, strike the third bracket; in the same line, strike “] §”; and in line 24, strike “15-112.3(D)”.

On page 14, in line 18, strike “developed by a nonprofit alliance of health plans and trade associations”; in line 21, strike “and”; and in line 24, after “system” insert “;

(III) THE SYSTEM ALLOWS PROVIDERS TO:

1. GRANT ACCESS TO A DESIGNATED PERSON MANAGING THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR THE PROVIDER; AND

2. ACCESS THE SYSTEM DIRECTLY WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A THIRD PARTY; AND

(IV) THE VENDOR:

1. ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS A STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS OPERATIONAL ISSUES TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY OF THE ONLINE CREDENTIALING SYSTEM CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF:

A. HEALTH AND DENTAL CARRIERS;

B. MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS;

C. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS;

D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS;

E. PRIVATE PRACTICES OF PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, ADVANCE PRACTICE CLINICIANS, AND OTHER CLINICIANS; AND

F. CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARIES;

2. SUBMITS A REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER BY SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR ON:

A. THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM AND IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT OF THE WORKGROUP'S FINDINGS; AND

B. FOR EACH CARRIER, THE CALCULATION OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS BETWEEN THE DATE THE CARRIER RECEIVES A COMPLETED CREDENTIALING APPLICATION AND THE DATE THE CARRIER SENDS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION; AND

3. MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

(I) THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(IV)1 OF THIS SUBSECTION;

**(II) IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT OF THE
WORKGROUP'S FINDINGS;**

(III) ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION".

On page 15, strike beginning with "developed" in line 5 down through "associations" in line 6; strike beginning with "the" in line 7 down through "(3)" in line 9; in line 10, strike the brackets; strike beginning with "(III)" in line 15 down through "PARTY" in line 18; in line 19, strike "(4)" and substitute "**(2)**"; in the same line, strike "nonprofit alliance:" and substitute "**VENDOR**"; in line 20, strike "(I)"; in the same line, after "providers" insert a period; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 20 down through "PROVIDERS;" in line 29.

On page 16, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 18, inclusive; in line 19, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike "(D)".

On page 17, in line 9, strike "October 1, 2026" and substitute "January 1, 2027".