INSTITUTION DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE PROPER FILING OF A CLAIM TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

(2) (I) IF AN INSURER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INSURER SHALL PAY INTEREST ON THAT AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM THAT REMAINS UNPAID 30 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE CLAIM.

(II) THE INTEREST PAID UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE AT THE RATE OF 1 1/2 PERCENT PER MONTH.

(3) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THERE IS A GOOD FAITH DISPUTE REGARDING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CLAIM OR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT.

[(b)] (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, unless the policy, contract, or certificate expressly provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a dietitian licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the provisions of Title 4.5 of the Health Occupations Article governing the licensing and regulation of dietitians may not be construed to entitle the insured or any other person covered by the policy, contract, or certificate to reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed dietitian.

[(c)] (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, unless the policy, contract, or certificate expressly provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a certified professional counselor under the Health Occupations Article, the provisions of Title 15.5 of the Health Occupations Article governing the certification and regulation of professional counselors may not be construed to entitle the insured or any other person covered by the policy, contract, or certificate to reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a certified professional counselor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.