

Section 354Z, 470U, and 477AA
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

361H:

~~ON RECEIPT OF A PHYSICIAN'S CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, THE INSURER SHALL PROMPTLY DELIVER TO THE PHYSICIAN A PERIODIC INTERIM PAYMENT OF NOT LESS THAN 80 PERCENT OF 80 PERCENT OF THE FULL AMOUNT CLAIMED.~~

470Y:

~~ON RECEIPT OF A PHYSICIAN'S CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, THE INSURER SHALL PROMPTLY DELIVER TO THE PHYSICIAN A PERIODIC INTERIM PAYMENT OF NOT LESS THAN 80 PERCENT OF 80 PERCENT OF THE FULL AMOUNT CLAIMED.~~

477GG:

~~ON RECEIPT OF A PHYSICIAN'S CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER A GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, THE INSURER SHALL PROMPTLY DELIVER TO THE PHYSICIAN A PERIODIC INTERIM PAYMENT OF NOT LESS THAN 80 PERCENT OF 80 PERCENT OF THE FULL AMOUNT CLAIMED.~~

354Z.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy or contract issued by a nonprofit health service plan, or any certificate issued thereunder, of health, sickness, accident, or disability insurance, delivered or issued for delivery within the State, whenever such policy, contract, or certificate provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a health care provider duly licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the insured, or any other person covered by, OR ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER, the policy, contract, or certificate, shall be entitled to reimbursement for such service. The provisions of this section apply to all such policies, contracts, or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued on or after July 1, 1984.

(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, WHENEVER LIABILITY AND AMOUNT ARE REASONABLY CLEAR, A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL REIMBURSE ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION OR ANY HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE