

## CHAPTER 107

## (House Bill 598)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Maintenance Organizations – Reimbursement for Medical Screening Services**

FOR the purpose of providing for the continuation of a certain requirement that health maintenance organizations reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider for certain medical screening services rendered; repealing a provision relating to the abrogation, on a certain date and under certain circumstances, of a requirement that health maintenance organizations reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider for certain medical screening services rendered; repealing a requirement that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene work with the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission to develop a bundled payment for medical screening; making this Act an emergency measure; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a certain study and report by a certain date; providing for the termination of a provision of this Act; and generally relating to reimbursement for medical screening services by a health maintenance organization.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-712.5(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 503 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

Section 5

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

**Article – Health – General**

19-712.5.

~~(e) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical screening services rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.~~

(C) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY AND PROVIDER, LESS ANY APPLICABLE CO-PAYMENTS, FOR MEDICAL SCREENING SERVICES RENDERED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ACTIVE LABOR ACT.