

~~civil action; providing that certain provisions of law related to the retroactive denial of reimbursement to a health care provider do not apply to adjustments to reimbursements made as part of an annual contracted reconciliation of a risk sharing arrangement under an administrative service provider contract; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the application of this Act;~~ and generally relating to retroactive denial of reimbursement to health care providers by carriers under health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15-1008

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article – Insurance

15-1008.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Carrier” means:

(i) an insurer;

(ii) a nonprofit health service plan;

(iii) a health maintenance organization;

(iv) a dental plan organization; or

(v) any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(3) “Code” means:

(i) the applicable current procedural terminology (CPT) code, as adopted by the American Medical Association;

(ii) if for a dental service, the applicable code adopted by the American Dental Association; or

(iii) another applicable code under an appropriate uniform coding scheme used by a carrier in accordance with this section.

(4) “Coding guidelines” means those standards or procedures used or applied by a payor to determine the most accurate and appropriate code or codes for payment by the payor for a service or services.