

specifying a certain intent of the General Assembly that certain licensed entities and individuals cooperate with the Commissions in a certain manner; requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with representatives of certain health maintenance organizations, to study and report to the Senate Finance and House Environmental Matters Committees on certain issues concerning nurse practitioners; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations and health care provider reimbursement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710.1(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 275 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000

Section 5

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

Chapter 423 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001

Section 3

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

Article - Health - General

19-710.1.

(b) (1) In addition to any other provisions of this subtitle, for a covered service rendered to an enrollee of a health maintenance organization by a health care provider not under written contract with the health maintenance organization, the health maintenance organization or its agent:

(i) Shall pay the health care provider within 30 days after the receipt of a claim in accordance with the applicable provisions of this subtitle; and

(ii) Shall pay the claim submitted by:

1. A hospital at the rate approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission;

2. A trauma physician for trauma care rendered to a trauma patient in a trauma center, at the greater of:

A. 140% of the rate paid by the Medicare program, as published by the [Health Care Financing Administration] CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES, for the same covered service, to a similarly licensed provider;
or