

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 354CC, 470V, and 477CC of Article 48A, as enacted by this Act, may not be construed so as to require an insurer to provide reimbursement for outpatient services that would not otherwise be reimbursed on an inpatient basis.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Section 19-319(d)(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) of the Health - General Article shall take effect on October 1, 1985, and that the remaining provisions of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

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CHAPTER 112

(House Bill 1072)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Cost Containment - Health Services Cost
Review Commission --State-Affordability-Limit

FOR the purpose of containing-the-rising-costs-of-health-care within-limits-affordable-to-the-citizens-of-this-State-by creating---an---incentive--to--improve--health--care--system efficiencies-by-requiring-the-Health--Services--Cost--Review Commission--to--establish--a--State--affordability--limit-on certain-hospital-service-patient-revenues-by-a-certain-date; providing-the-Commission-may--take--into--account--certain factors--in--establishing--the--State--affordability--limit; requiring-the-Commission-to-establish-procedures-to-monitor total-hospital-net-patient-service-revenue-levels-subject-to the--State--affordability--limit;--providing--that--if--total affordability-may-be-exceeded--the--Commission--shall--take certain--actions;--providing--that--the--Commission--is--not required-to--set--rates--for--hospitals--that--will--in--the aggregate-equal-the-State-affordability-limit;--requiring-the Commission--to--assure--that--total--net--patient--revenues-of certain-hospitals-do--not--exceed--the--State--affordability limit;--requiring-the-Health-Resources-Planning-Commission-to suspend--review--of-certain-certificate-of-need-applications when-the-State-affordability-limit-may-be-exceeded--and--the application--is--for--a--project-requiring-additional-revenues; defining-the-jurisdiction-of-the-Health-Services-Cost-Review Commission; defining a certain term; setting certain limits on the rate approved for an identified physician service;