

(ii) Supplies in writing to the provider the specific reasons why the legitimacy of the claim, or a portion of the claim, or the appropriate amount of reimbursement is in dispute;

(iii) Pays any undisputed portion of the claim within 30 days of the receipt of the claim; and

(iv) Makes a good faith, timely effort to resolve the dispute.

(d) A health maintenance organization shall permit a provider a minimum of 6 months from the date a covered service is rendered to submit a claim for reimbursement for the service.

(e) (1) If a health maintenance organization notifies a provider that additional documentation is necessary to adjudicate a claim, the health maintenance organization shall reimburse the provider for covered services within 30 days after receipt of all reasonable and necessary documentation.

(2) If a health maintenance organization fails to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the health maintenance organization shall pay interest in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 472

(House Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Payment of Claims

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, for certain claims for reimbursement, to send certain notice of receipt and status of the claim within a certain period of time after receipt of the claim~~ repealing certain provisions of law relating to the payment of certain claims for reimbursement by health maintenance organizations and managed care organizations; making certain provisions of law relating to payment of claims that are applicable to insurers and nonprofit health service plans also applicable to health maintenance organizations and managed care organizations; and generally relating to payment of claims under health insurance by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance