the health care provider, withholding future reimbursement, or in any other-manner affecting the future reimbursement to the health care provider.

- (d) (1) The provisions of subsection (b)(1) of this section do not apply if:
- (i) a carrier retroactively denies reimbursement to a health-care provider because the information submitted to the carrier was fraudulent or improperly coded; and
- (ii) in the case of improper coding, the carrier has provided to the health care provider sufficient information regarding the coding guidelines used by the carrier at least-30 days prior to the date the services subject to the retroactive denial were rendered.
- (2) Information submitted to the earrier may be considered to be improperly coded under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the information submitted to the earrier by the health care provider:
- (i) uses codes that do not conform with the coding guidelines used by the carrier applicable as of the date the service or services were rendered; or
- (ii) does not otherwise conform with the contractual obligations of the health care provider to the carrier applicable as of the date the service or services were rendered.
- (e) If a carrier retroactively denies reimbursement for services as a result of coordination of benefits under provisions of subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the health care provider shall have 6 months from the date of denial, unless a carrier permits a longer time period, to submit a claim for reimbursement for the service to the carrier, Maryland Medical Assistance Program, or Medicare Program responsible for payment.

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(o) The provisions of [§ 15-1008] §§ 15-1008 AND 15-1009 of the Insurance Article [shall] apply to health maintenance organizations.

<u> Article - Insurance</u>

15-1009.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CARRIER" MEANS:
 - (1) AN INSURER;
 - (2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;
 - (3) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;
 - (4) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR
- (5) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.