

vetoed House Bill 1031 – *Health Care Providers – Collection of Medicare Approved or Limiting Amounts*.

This bill authorizes a health care provider to collect Medicare approved or limiting amounts, from individual subscribers or enrollees, when Medicare is the primary insurer and a health maintenance organization is the secondary insurer.

Senate Bill 451, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1031.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1031

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Providers – Collection of Medicare ~~Copayments~~ and ~~Deductibles~~ Approved or Limiting Amounts

FOR the purpose of authorizing a health care provider to collect certain Medicare ~~copayments and deductibles~~ approved or limiting amounts from individual subscribers or enrollees when Medicare is the primary insurer and a health maintenance organization is the secondary insurer; and generally relating to the collection of Medicare ~~copayments and deductibles~~ approved or limiting amounts by health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–710(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 19–710(p)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

19–710.

(a) To qualify for a certificate of authority to operate as a health maintenance organization, an applicant shall satisfy the Commissioner that the applicant will meet the requirements of this section.