

(15) fail to meet the requirements of ~~Title 10, Subtitle 13 of the Health—
General Article~~ TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 10B OF THIS ARTICLE for preauthorization for a health care service; OR

(16) FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 10A OF THIS ARTICLE.

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~~(a) The Commissioner may impose a penalty not exceeding [\$500] \$5,000 for each violation of § 27-303 of this subtitle or a regulation adopted under § 27-303 of this subtitle.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General and the Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on or before October 1, 1998, with respect to provisions enacted by Section 2 of this Act regarding: (1) the format and contents of the annual report required under § 15-10A-08 of the Insurance Article; and (2) funding from the Maryland Insurance Administration for the activities of the Health Education and Advocacy Unit required under §§ 15-10A-02, 15-10A-07, and 15-10A-08 of the Insurance Article.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Health Education and Advocacy Unit, in conjunction with other affected State government agencies, shall study and make recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee by October 1, 1999, about the feasibility and advisability of requiring all carriers to have a uniform internal grievance review process for members in accordance with regulations adopted by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Insurance Administration, as part of the annual report required under § 15-10A-06 of the Insurance Article, shall report the number of complaints filed against ~~carriers~~ each carrier related to a hospital length of stay or a requirement to have a service performed on an outpatient basis, and the extent to which the complaints are related to a certain clinical practice guideline.

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2001, the Insurance Commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly assessing the correlation between the health care regulatory assessment collected by the Insurance Commissioner from each carrier under § 2-112.2 of the Insurance Article, as enacted by this Act, and the number of complaints filed with the Commissioner and the costs incurred by the Insurance Commissioner in reviewing those complaints in accordance with Title 15, Subtitle 10A of the Insurance Article, as enacted by this Act.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: