

participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program of [[amounts due to the State;]] the results of field verification; providing for the right of the hospital, skilled nursing facility, and intermediate care facility to request review of the field verification by a certain procedure and within a certain time; providing for the membership of the appeal board; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to notify hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program of amounts due to the State; [[requiring interest to be charged on amounts unpaid after a certain time;]] and providing for recovery of the unpaid amounts [[and interest]].

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 42E
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 42E be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42E.

[[THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL DETERMINE AFTER FIELD VERIFICATION, THE AMOUNT DUE TO THE STATE FROM EACH HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY PARTICIPATING IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SHALL NOTIFY THE HOSPITAL OR FACILITY. EACH HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, OR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY SHALL PAY THE AMOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION OR, IF NOTICE WAS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1976, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THAT DATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE 6 PERCENT INTEREST PER ANNUM ON ANY AMOUNT REMAINING UNPAID AFTER THE 60 DAY PERIOD. THE INTEREST CHARGE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A REIMBURSABLE COST TO THE HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY. AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE 60 DAY PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL RECOVER THE UNPAID BALANCE AND INTEREST BY WITHHOLDING UP TO 20 PERCENT OF THE INTERIM PAYMENTS FROM THE HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY OR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY.]]

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR ITS AGENT SHALL NOTIFY EACH HOSPITAL, SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY PARTICIPATING IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE RESULTS OF