

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
 Section 601(d) (1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 601(d) (1) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

601.

(d) (1) All payments made under the provisions of this subtitle for services rendered through facilities and programs of the Department, shall be made to and collected by the Department, and shall be accounted for and deposited into the general funds of the State treasury by the Department, EXCEPT PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN STATE OR PRIVATELY OPERATED KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE UNITS. ANY FEE COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE SERVICES MAY BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE STATE OPERATED KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE PROGRAM ONLY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW EXCEPT §789 OR THE KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET AND OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY BILL AND COLLECT DIRECTLY FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE THIRD PARTY PAYOR, FROM ANY RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE, OR FROM ANY OTHER LEGALLY CHARGEABLE PERSON AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (B) (1) OF THIS SECTION EXCEPT CHILDREN, OR FROM THE PATIENT'S ASSETS OR INCOME FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE SERVICES RENDERED IN STATE OR PRIVATELY OPERATED KIDNEY DIALYSIS DISEASE UNITS. When the Secretary has delegated to a political subdivision or grantee the collection of and accounting for payments for services, the collections are to be handled according to rules and regulations adopted by the Department.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

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 CHAPTER 753

(Senate Bill 1161)

AN ACT concerning