
CHAPTER 580

(House Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

Kidney Disease Program - Billing

FOR the purpose of specifying certain time periods during which an invoice for services shall be submitted to the Kidney Disease Program; and, after a certain date, prohibiting recovery of the amount from the Program and the patient if the invoice is not submitted within those time periods.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 789(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

789.

(E) (1) THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT FOR AN INVOICE THAT IS RECEIVED MORE THAN NINE 12 MONTHS AFTER THE DATES OF THE SERVICES RENDERED, EXCEPT FOR AN INVOICE SUBMITTED TO MEDICARE (TITLE XVIII), INTERMEDIARIES, AND OTHER INSURANCE PROVIDERS.

(2) AN INVOICE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER MEDICARE OR OTHER INSURANCE PROVIDERS' PAYMENT OR REJECTION.

(3) AFTER JULY 1, 1978, A PROVIDER WHO FAILS TO SUBMIT AN INVOICE WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME PERIOD MAY NOT RECOVER THE AMOUNT SUBSEQUENTLY FROM EITHER THE PATIENT OR THE KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.
