

~~hearing examiner, any affected employer or employee or representative of employees shall request in writing a review by the Commissioner of such proceedings before the hearing examiner. THE HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE EMPLOYER OPERATES HIS BUSINESS.~~

(c) If an employer notifies the Commissioner, in writing, that he intends to contest a citation issued under § 36(a) or notification issued under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, or if, within fifteen working days of the issuance of a citation under § 36(a) any employee or representative of employees, files a notice, in writing, with the Commissioner alleging the period of time fixed in the citation for the abatement of the violation is unreasonable, the Commissioner shall grant a hearing within thirty days after receipt of such notification by the Commissioner. AN EMPLOYER SHALL HAVE THE OPTION OF HAVING A HEARING AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION HELD (1) IN REGIONAL OFFICES AS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, (2) IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND THE HEARING MUST BE HELD IN AN OFFICE PROVIDED BY THAT COUNTY, OR (3) IN BALTIMORE CITY, PROVIDED THAT THE EMPLOYER SHALL INDICATE WHERE THE HEARING IS TO BE HELD WHEN HE SUBMITS TO THE COMMISSIONER HIS NOTIFICATION OF CONTEST BY THE EMPLOYER. Affected employees or representatives of affected employees shall be provided an opportunity to participate as parties to hearings under this subsection.

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

Approved May 16, 1978.

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CHAPTER 584

(House Bill 264)

AN ACT concerning

Nonprofit Health Service Plans - Deciding Claims

FOR the purpose of providing that it is unlawful for certain corporations with certain nonprofit health service plans to fail to notify the claimant of approval or denial of certain claims made by certain persons within a certain time.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
Section 354C(a) (vi)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)