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CHAPTER 345

(Senate Bill 839)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of providing that services under a contract issued, delivered, or renewed by a nonprofit health plan, a health insurance policy, or a group health insurance policy, paid for or provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be reimbursed to the Department by the insurer.

BY repealing

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 470N Annotated Code of Maryland (1979 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code Section 354U, 470N, and 477U Annotated Code of Maryland (1979 Volume and 1979 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 48A - Insurance Code

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IF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE NOTIFIES A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT SERVICES TO A PERSON COVERED UNDER A CONTRACT ISSUED, DELIVERED, OR RENEWED IN MARYLAND HAS BEEN PAID FOR OR PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL REIMBURSE THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE COST OF THE SERVICES REGARDLESS OF ANY PROVISION IN THE CONTRACT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE PAYMENT TO THE SUBSCRIBER OR ANY OTHER PAYEE. BENEFITS PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT ARE LIMITED TO THOSE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES PAID FOR OR PROVIDED. IF, PRIOR TO RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, HAS PAID THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE