

CHAPTER 248

(Senate Bill 117)

AN ACT concerning

Medical Care Programs - Reimbursement for Services

FOR ~~the purpose of eliminating requirements which limit the benefits payable to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under a nonprofit health service plan or a health insurance policy issued, delivered, or renewed in this State to those benefits available under all terms and conditions of the plan or policy; prohibiting insurers who pay benefits to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under a nonprofit health service plan or a health insurance policy issued, delivered, or renewed in this State from denying reimbursement to the Department because of the manner, form, or date of claim, as long as certain conditions are met.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
 Section 354U, 470N, and 477U
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354U.

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~~ 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 contract in accordance with its terms, the provisions of this section may not require payment to the