

**CHAPTER 554**

**(Senate Bill 1086)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - Contracts of Carriers with Providers, Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, or Hospitals - Prohibited Provisions**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting carriers from including in contracts with providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, or hospitals certain terms or conditions relating to reimbursement rates and reimbursement arrangements; making a violation of this Act an unfair and deceptive practice for purposes of insurance; and generally relating to contracts of carriers with providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, and hospitals under health insurance.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(ggg)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112(m) and 27-222

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

19-706.

(GGG) THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-222 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

**Article - Insurance**

15-112.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.