

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–112(f–1)

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 – Insurance

15–112.

(d) (1) A provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of a carrier shall submit an application to the carrier.

(2) (i) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the carrier, after reviewing the application, shall accept or reject the provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel.

(ii) If the carrier rejects the provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel, the carrier shall send to the provider at the address listed in the application written notice of the rejection.

(3) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, within 30 days after the date a carrier receives a completed application, the carrier shall send to the provider at the address listed in the application written notice of:

1. the carrier's intent to continue to process the provider's application to obtain necessary credentialing information; or

2. the carrier's rejection of the provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel.

(ii) The failure of a carrier to provide the notice required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is a violation of this article and the carrier is subject to the penalties provided by § 4–113(d) of this article.

(iii) If, under subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph, a carrier provides notice to the provider of its intent to continue to process the provider's application to obtain necessary credentialing information, the carrier, within [150] 120 days after the date the notice is provided, shall:

1. accept or reject the provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel; and

2. send written notice of the acceptance or rejection to the provider at the address listed in the application.