

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 372

(House Bill 417)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse a pharmacy electronically and provide appropriate payment data electronically under certain circumstances; prohibiting the imposition of a certain processing fee; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to electronic claim reimbursement for pharmacies.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-706(ddd)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance
Section 15-131
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 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.

(DDD) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-131 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

Article - Insurance

15-131.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, COVERAGE FOR