

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) IF AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION REQUIRES A PHARMACY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ELECTRONICALLY, THEN THE PHARMACY OR DESIGNATED AGENT MAY CHOOSE TO BE REIMBURSED ELECTRONICALLY, AND IN THAT EVENT THE ENTITY SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHARMACY ELECTRONICALLY, AND SHALL PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE PAYMENT DATA ELECTRONICALLY.

(C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT IMPOSE A PROCESSING FEE FOR THE ELECTRONIC REIMBURSEMENT OR FOR PROVIDING PAYMENT DATA ELECTRONICALLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, ~~2005~~ 2006.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 373

(House Bill 420)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Dental Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the membership of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the staggering of ~~terms~~ a certain term; and generally relating to the State Board of Dental Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section ~~4-202(a)(2)~~ 4-202(a)(1) and (2) and (h)(2) and 4-702

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government