

(ii) any individual working under the control or supervision of the physician or under the control or supervision of the health care institution.

[(d)] (E) (1) The ~~local~~ HEALTH department DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall pay for [all reasonable physician and health care institution] EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT charges that are incurred on behalf of a child who is examined or treated under ~~this-section~~ SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) The child's parent or guardian is liable to the ~~local~~ HEALTH department DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE for the payments AND SHALL TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO SECURE HEALTH BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILD FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BENEFIT PROGRAM.

(3) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF-SOCIAL-SERVICES SHALL:

(I) IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE WHETHER A CHILD TREATED OR EXAMINED UNDER THIS SECTION IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS; AND

(II) SECURE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CHILD EXAMINED OR TREATED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(F) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN EXAMINED OR TREATED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT" MEANS MEDICAL OR SURGICAL CARE RENDERED BY A PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION TO A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION:

(I) TO RELIEVE ANY URGENT ILLNESS OR LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITION; OR

(II) TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OR EXTENT OF ANY ALLEGED INJURY OR HEALTH CONDITION.

(2) "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) NONEMERGENCY OUTPATIENT TREATMENT; OR

(II) PERIODIC NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE.

[(a)] (B) Any physician who is licensed or authorized to practice medicine in this State shall examine OR TREAT any child, with or without the consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, to determine the nature and extent of any injury or abuse to the child if the child is brought to the physician: