

Article - Health - General
 Section 2-106(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Government
 Section 8-403 (f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1984 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

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(A) Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy or contract issued by a nonprofit health service plan, or any certificate issued thereunder, of health, sickness, accident, or disability insurance, delivered or issued for delivery within the State, whenever such policy, contract, or certificate provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a health care provider duly licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the insured, or any other person covered by the policy, contract, or certificate, shall be entitled to reimbursement for such service. The provisions of this section apply to all such policies, contracts, or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued on or after July 1, 1984.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE EXPRESSLY PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CERTIFIED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE, THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 15.5 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE GOVERNING THE CERTIFICATION AND REGULATION OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO ENTITLE THE INSURED OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR.

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