

NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS AFTER ALL DEDUCTIBLE AND COPAYMENT PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED may not ON THE AVERAGE be less than 80% of the ~~amount that would have been paid~~ AGGREGATE PAYMENTS IN THAT FULL CALENDAR YEAR to preferred providers for similar services in the same geographic area PURSUANT TO THE PREFERRED PROVIDERS' AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES.

~~(ii) -- ALL -- COPAYMENT -- AND -- DEDUCTIBLE -- PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN PREFERRED PROVIDER POLICIES -- OR -- PREFERRED -- PROVIDER CONTRACTS -- OFFERED -- UNDER -- THIS -- SECTION -- WHICH -- ARE -- APPLICABLE -- TO CLAIMS -- FOR -- PAYMENT -- FOR -- SERVICES -- RENDERED -- BY -- NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS -- SHALL -- BE -- THE -- SAME -- AS -- THE -- COPAYMENT -- AND -- DEDUCTIBLE PROVISIONS -- APPLICABLE -- TO -- CLAIMS -- FOR -- PAYMENT -- FOR -- SIMILAR -- SERVICES RENDERED -- BY -- PREFERRED -- PROVIDERS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, The provisions of this Act apply only to all preferred provider policies or contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended, or reissued on or after July 1, 1986.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 740

(House Bill 695)

AN ACT concerning

Hereditary and Congenital Disorders

FOR the purpose of expanding the mandate of the Commission on Hereditary Disorders to include congenital disorders; defining congenital disorders; altering the definition of hereditary disorder; ~~altering -- the -- membership -- of -- the Commission;~~ permitting the Governor to appoint certain persons to the Commission under specified circumstances; modifying the powers and duties of the Commission; expanding the authority of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations for hereditary and congenital disorders; repealing the authority of the Commission to promulgate regulations for hereditary and congenital disorders; altering the disclosure of information criteria for individuals with hereditary or congenital disorders; expanding the duties of the Secretary to include enforcement of the rules, regulations, and standards that the Department adopts concerning hereditary and congenital disorders