

PROPER FILING OF A CLAIM TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

(2) (I) IF A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN FAILS TO COMPLY WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL PAY INTEREST ON THAT AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM THAT REMAINS UNPAID 30 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE CLAIM.

(II) THE INTEREST PAID UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE AT THE RATE OF 1 1/2 PERCENT PER MONTH.

(3) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THERE IS A GOOD FAITH DISPUTE REGARDING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CLAIM OR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT.

[(b)] (C) 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 dietitian licensed under the Health Occupations Article, the provisions of Title 4.5 of the Health Occupations Article governing the licensing and regulation of dietitians 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 licensed dietitian.

[(c)] (D) 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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(a) Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy or contract, including profit and nonprofit health plans, 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, OR ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER, 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.