Examiners of Nurses, and has passed an examination approved by that Board.

(iii) "Nurse anesthetist" means a registered nurse who is:

1. Certified under the Health Occupations Article to practice nurse anesthesia; and

2. Certified by the Council on Certification or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists.

(iv) "Nurse midwife" means a registered nurse who is licensed in this State and has been certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives as a nurse midwife.

(v) "Optometrist" has the meaning stated in § 10-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

(2) The Secretary may contract for the provision of care under the Program to eligible Program recipients.

(3) The Secretary may contract with insurance companies or nonprofit health service plans or with individuals, associations, partnerships, incorporated or unincorporated groups of physicians, chiropractors, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, including nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and certified nurse practitioners, opticians, and other health practitioners who are licensed or certified in this State and perform services on the prescription or referral of a physician.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the nurse midwife need not be under the supervision of a physician.

(5) A contract that the Secretary makes under this subsection shall be for a 1-year period and may be renewed.

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(a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations for the reimbursement of providers under the Program. However, except for an invoice that must be submitted to a Medicare intermediary or Medicare carrier for an individual who may have both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, payment may not be made for an invoice that is received more than 1 year after the dates of the services given. Notwithstanding the fact that the invoice may be returned to the provider for resubmission for other reasons, the time requirement for receipt of an invoice is complied with if the Department initially receives the invoice within 1 year of date of service given and if the invoice