

compensation is payable, unless and until said bill is approved by the Commission; provided, however, that if there are no dependents all expenses of last sickness and burial shall be paid by the employer or insurance company, or out of the State Accident Fund, as the case may be.

(e) The Commission shall have full power to adopt rules and regulations with respect to furnishing medical, nurse, hospital services, and medicine to injured employees entitled thereto and for TO the payment therefor, AND WITH RESPECT TO THE EXERCISE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

~~(F) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE CHAIRMAN, IF THE CHAIRMAN FINDS OR REASONABLY SUSPECTS THAT A PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FURNISHED A TREATMENT, SERVICE, MEDICINE, OR APPLIANCE SUBSTANTIALLY IN EXCESS OF THE NEED OF THE INJURED EMPLOYEE, THE CHAIRMAN MAY REFER THE MATTER FOR AN EXPEDITED REVIEW TO AN APPROPRIATE BOARD OR PANEL OF MEDICAL PEERS; UPON RECEIPT OF A FINDING BY THE REVIEW BOARD OR PANEL OF EXCESSIVE TREATMENT, SERVICE, MEDICINE, OR APPLIANCE, THE CHAIRMAN MAY ASSESS A PENALTY AGAINST THE PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION.~~

(F) IF THE CHAIRMAN FINDS OR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER HAS A PATTERN OF PRACTICE OF FURNISHING FURNISHED EXCESSIVE TREATMENT, SERVICE, MEDICINE, OR APPLIANCE, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL REFER THE CASE TO THE COMMISSION ON MEDICAL DISCIPLINE OR THE APPROPRIATE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO DETERMINE IF EXCESSIVE TREATMENT, SERVICE, MEDICINE, OR APPLIANCE WAS FURNISHED. IF THE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINARY BOARD DETERMINES THAT EXCESSIVE TREATMENT, SERVICE, MEDICINE, OR APPLIANCE WAS FURNISHED, AND SO CERTIFIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, THE CHAIRMAN MAY ASSESS A PENALTY AGAINST THE PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 PER CLAIM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 101 - Workmen's Compensation

36.

Each employee (or in the case of death his family or dependents) entitled to receive compensation under this article shall receive the same in accordance with the following schedule and except as in this article otherwise provided, such payment shall be in lieu of any and all rights of action whatsoever against any person whomsoever.