

1. Develop and publicize procedures to assure that the health maintenance organization is notified of the services and receives adequate documentation of the services; [and]

2. Develop and provide informational materials to all subscribers and enrollees of the health maintenance organization that clearly describe and inform subscribers and enrollees of their potential responsibility for payment for services rendered by a health care provider, including a physician or hospital, that does not have a written contract with the health maintenance organization; AND

3. DEVELOP AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS AND ENROLLEES OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT CLEARLY DESCRIBES THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, INCLUDING:

A. THE APPROPRIATE USE OF HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS;

B. THE APPROPRIATE USE, LOCATION, AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF ANY URGENT CARE FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

C. THE POTENTIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBSCRIBERS AND ENROLLEES FOR PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR NONEMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED IN A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY PURSUANT TO § 19-710(Q) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19-710.

(Q) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY MAY COLLECT OR ATTEMPT TO COLLECT PAYMENT FROM A SUBSCRIBER OR ENROLLEE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO THAT SUBSCRIBER OR ENROLLEE FOR A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT IS DETERMINED NOT TO BE AN EMERGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 19-701(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

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CHAPTER 636

(Senate Bill 788)

AN ACT concerning

~~University of Maryland System — Capital Expenditures — Autonomy~~

~~FOR the purpose of exempting certain contracts for capital expenditures for a University of Maryland System facility from review by the Secretary of General Services and,~~