(b) In addition to the fee required under subsection (a) of this section, each health maintenance organization shall pay a reasonable sum that the Commissioner finds to be the cost of the investigations made by the Commissioner and the Department as required under this subtitle.

19 713.

- (a) Each health maintenance organization shall file with the Commissioner, before they become effective:
- (1) All rates that the health maintenance organization charges subscribers or groups of subscribers; and
- (2) The form and content of each contract between the health maintenance organization and its subscribers or groups of subscribers.
- (b) Rates of a health maintenance organization may not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in relation to the services offered.
- (e) (1) If, at any time, a health maintenance organization wishes to amend any contract with its subscribers or change any rate charged, the health maintenance organization shall file with the Commissioner the number of copies of the amendment or rate change that the Commissioner requires.
- (2) The Commissioner shall provide the Department with the number of copies it requires.
- (d) Unless the Commissioner disapproves a filing under this section, the filing becomes effective 60 days after the office of the Commissioner receives the filing or on any other date that the Commissioner sets.
- (E) EACH FORM OR-RATE-REQUIRED TO BE-FILED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OF \$100.

19 721.

- (a) Unless previously suspended or revoked, each original and renewal certificate of authority issued under this subtitle to a health maintenance organization expires at midnight on the November 30 after its effective date.
- (b) On-payment of an annual renewal fee of [\$25] \$500 by the health maintenance organization before the expiration date of its certificate of authority, its certificate remains in effect until a new certificate of authority is issued or specifically refused.
- SECTION 2.—AND BE IT FURTHER-ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994. Any portion of this Act that alters a fee for the renewal or continuation of an-existing license or certificate of authority shall apply only to a renewal or continuation that takes place after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.