

the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 1998, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 503**

**(House Bill 859)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Maintenance Organizations – Reimbursement to Providers of Emergency Services**

FOR the purpose of altering certain standards of quality of care to include a requirement that any nonparticipating provider submit certain documentation to the health maintenance organization; requiring health maintenance organizations to reimburse emergency facilities and providers for certain services provided to members or subscribers under certain circumstances; prohibiting health maintenance organizations from requiring certain providers to obtain approval before rendering services in order to obtain reimbursement; requiring health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain providers under certain circumstances; allowing health maintenance organizations to collect payment from members or subscribers for certain services under certain conditions; repealing certain provisions that encourage health maintenance organizations to use noncontracting providers; altering certain requirements related to information health maintenance organizations provide to members related to emergency services; ~~requiring a certain study on the cost of a certain emergency room screening~~; requiring a certain study on payment for medical screening; requiring a certain report; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to work with the Maryland Hospital Association on development of a certain bundled payment; providing for the termination of a provision of this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to forward certain notices to the Department of Legislative References; and generally relating to emergency services for members of health maintenance organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-705.1(b) and 19-716