In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to services paid for or provided "by the Department" is added for clarity.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to the terms "and conditions" of the policy or contract is added for consistency with subsection (b)(1) of this section.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to the date of "the service" is substituted for the former references to the date of "treatment" for consistency within this section.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the former references to "deny[ing]" reimbursement are deleted as included in the reference to "refus[ing]" reimbursement.

Defined terms: "Health insurance" § 1-101

"Insurer" § 1-101

"Policy" § 1-101

15-604. RATES FOR PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS.

EACH AUTHORIZED INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, AND FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, AND EACH MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE MEDICAID PREPAID CAPITATION PAYMENTS UNDER TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, SHALL PAY HOSPITALS FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES RENDERED ON THE BASIS OF THE RATE APPROVED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, § 490S(a).

The former reference to authorized insurers as "including" nonprofit health service plans, fraternal benefit societies, and managed care organizations is deleted since nonprofit health service plans, fraternal benefit societies, and managed care organizations are not considered to be insurers.

Defined term: "Authorized insurer" § 1-101

15-605. RATES FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

(A) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED.

- (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR, AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT MEETS THE SPECIFICATIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER BY:
- (I) EACH AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE STATE:
- (II) EACH NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO OPERATE IN THE STATE;
- (III) EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO OPERATE IN THE STATE; AND