

(2) (i) In addition to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, the governing body of each county and, in the case of Baltimore City, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, shall set a reasonable fee not to exceed \$4 for each visit by an inmate to an institutional medical unit or noninstitutional physician, dentist, or optometrist.

(ii) The per visit fee shall be deducted from an inmate's spending financial account, reserve financial account, or similar account held by the Sheriff on behalf of the inmate.

(3) The funds collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund of the county, or in the case of Baltimore City, in the General Fund of the State.

(e) The liability for payment for medical care described under subsections (c) or (d) of this section may not be construed as requiring payment by any person or entity, except by a prisoner personally or through coverage or benefits described under subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 134**

**(Senate Bill 97)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission – Modifications and Clarifications**

FOR the purpose of delaying the implementation of the health care practitioner payment system until a certain date; ~~defining the term "self-employed" to include certain incorporated individuals for the purpose of determining eligibility for the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan; broadening the group of self-employed individuals or sole proprietorships that qualify as small employers for the purposes of eligibility under the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act under certain circumstances; authorizing certain persons to request documentation from certain persons for a certain purpose; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the repeal of certain abrogation dates; requiring a certain study; prohibiting implementation of the health care practitioner payment system until a certain date and under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-1501, 19-1509(a), and 19-1515