

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 577 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

[17–215.1.

(a) A laboratory that requires a health care provider to submit a written referral to receive laboratory services shall accept the uniform laboratory referral form adopted by the Insurance Commissioner under Article 48A, § 490BB of the Code as the sole instrument for referrals for laboratory services.

(b) A laboratory may not impose any requirement to:

- (1) Modify the uniform laboratory referral form; or
- (2) Submit additional laboratory referral forms.]

Article – Health Occupations

[14–509.

A physician shall use the uniform laboratory referral form adopted by the Insurance Commissioner under Article 48A, § 490BB of the Code.]

Article – Insurance

15–120.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner shall adopt by regulation[:

(1) a uniform laboratory referral form for use by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that require insureds or subscribers to have a written referral to receive laboratory services; and

(2)] a uniform consultation referral form for use by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that require insureds or subscribers to have a written referral to receive consultation services.

(b) The Commissioner may waive the requirements of regulations adopted under subsection (a) of this section for the use of [uniform laboratory referral forms and] uniform consultation referral forms for an entity that uses the forms solely for internal purposes.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Insurance Commissioner, when developing the[,] uniform provider voucher form [the uniform laboratory referral form,] and the uniform consultation referral form under Article 48A,