

CLAIM, THE INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL REIMBURSE THE PROVIDER FOR COVERED SERVICES WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ALL REASONABLE AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION.

(2) IF AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL PAY INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

[(d)] ~~(E)~~ (F) (1) If an insurer or nonprofit health service plan fails to comply with subsection (c) of this section, the insurer or nonprofit health service plan shall pay interest on the amount of the claim that remains unpaid 30 days after the claim is filed at the monthly rate of:

- (i) 1.5% from the 31st day through the 60th day;
- (ii) 2% from the 61st day through the 120th day; and
- (iii) 2.5% after the 120th day.

(2) The interest paid under this subsection shall be included in any late reimbursement without the necessity for the person that filed the original claim to make an additional claim for that interest.

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

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CHAPTER 591

(Senate Bill 472)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation – Construction Carve Out

FOR the purpose of providing that, as part of a collective bargaining agreement, an employer and a recognized or certified exclusive bargaining representative of certain employees may agree to certain terms with respect to workers' compensation under certain circumstances; providing that an agreement is not valid until it has been filed with the Workers' Compensation Commission and determined by the Workers' Compensation Commission to be in compliance with certain provisions of law; providing for the review of settlements and resolutions of claims and arbitration decisions under an alternative dispute resolution system; providing that once an agreement is ~~approved~~ determined to be in compliance with certain provisions of law by the Commission it is binding on the employer and the bargaining unit; imposing certain limitations on an agreement; allowing certain employees subject to an agreement governed by this Act to seek treatment from certain health care providers under certain circumstances; requiring an agreement to provide for