AMOUNT LESS THAN THE SUM OR RATE NEGOTIATED IN THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

(C) BONUSES AND OTHER INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A CARRIER FROM PROVIDING BONUSES OR OTHER INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION TO A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IF THE BONUS OR OTHER INCENTIVE-BASED COMPENSATION DOES NOT:

- (1) VIOLATE § 19-705.1 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE; OR
- (2) DETER THE DELIVERY OF MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE CARE TO AN ENROLLEE.

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

In subsection (a)(2)(v) of this section, the former reference to an "organization" is deleted as included in the defined term "person".

Chapter 605, § 6(b) of the Acts of 1995 provided that this section, as enacted by Ch. 605, applied to contracts that are issued or renewed on or after July 1, 1996.

Defined terms: "Insurer" § 1-101 "Person" § 1-101

15-114. DENTAL PLANS.

- (A) DEFINITIONS.
- (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
 - (2) "CARRIER" MEANS:
 - (i) AN INSURER;
 - (II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN:
 - (III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;
 - (IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR
- (V) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES DENTAL BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.
- (3) "DENTAL POINT-OF-SERVICE OPTION" MEANS A DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS AN INSURED, ENROLLEE, OR OTHER COVERED PERSON UNDER A DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN TO RECEIVE DENTAL SERVICES OUTSIDE A PROVIDER PANEL.