

CHAPTER 187

(Senate Bill 629)

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations - Reimbursement for Medical Screening, Assessment, and Stabilization Services

FOR the purpose of providing for the continuation of a provision that requires a health maintenance organization to reimburse hospital emergency facilities and health care providers for certain medical screening, assessment, and stabilization services by repealing a termination provision relating to this requirement; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations; hospital emergency facilities, and health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-712.5(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 107 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997

Section 4

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

Article - Health - General

19-712.5.

(c) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical screening, assessment, and stabilization services rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 107 of the Acts of 1997

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. [At the end of July 1, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]