

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved April 27, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 188**

**(House Bill 627)**

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,