

CHAPTER 255

(House Bill 572)

AN ACT concerning

~~Health Benefit Plans Health Care Practitioners Fee Schedules and Coding Guidelines~~  
Patient Protection Act

FOR the purpose of requiring certain persons that offer health benefit plans to ~~provide certain written information relating to fee schedules and coding guidelines to health care practitioners at certain times; and generally relating to health benefit plans and health care practitioners~~ health insurance carriers to provide a copy of certain reimbursement schedules, coding guidelines, and the methodology used to determine any bonuses or other incentive-based compensation under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which certain health insurance carriers may provide bonuses or other incentive-based compensation to a health care practitioner; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Administration to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to compensation of health care practitioners by health insurance carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Insurance  
Section 15-113  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Insurance**

15-113.

(a) (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 health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.