

(3) "Health care practitioner" means an individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care services.

(b) A carrier may not reimburse a health care practitioner in an amount less than the sum or rate negotiated in the carrier's provider contract with the health care practitioner.

(c) ~~(1) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WITH A WRITTEN COPY OF:~~

~~(I) THE FEE SCHEDULE THAT IS APPLICABLE TO THAT HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER; AND~~

~~(II) THE CODING GUIDELINES TO BE USED BY THE PRACTITIONER WHEN SUBMITTING CLAIMS TO THE CARRIER FOR REIMBURSEMENT.~~

~~(2) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE THE FEE SCHEDULE AND CODING GUIDELINES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:~~

~~(I) AT THE TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION OR RENEWAL; AND~~

~~(II) 90 DAYS BEFORE THE CARRIER CHANGES THE FEE SCHEDULE OR CODING GUIDELINES.~~

~~(1) A SCHEDULE OF APPLICABLE FEES FOR UP TO THE TWENTY MOST COMMON SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY; AND~~

~~(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CODING GUIDELINES USED BY THE CARRIER THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO THE SERVICES BILLED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THAT SPECIALTY.~~

~~(2) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:~~

~~(I) AT THE TIME OF CONTRACT EXECUTION;~~

~~(II) 30 DAYS PRIOR TO A CHANGE; AND~~

~~(III) UPON REQUEST OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.~~

(d) 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~~ COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 19-705.1 of the Health - General Article; ~~or~~

(2) ~~deter~~ PROMOTES the delivery of medically appropriate care to an enrollee; AND

(3) EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISION OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES, IS NOT BASED ON THE COST, OR NUMBER OF MEDICAL SERVICES