

1. Notice of the party's intent to introduce the writing or record without the support of a health care provider's testimony; and

2. A copy of the writing or record; and

(iii) The writing or record is otherwise admissible.

(2) A party, who receives a notice under paragraph (1) of this subsection and intends to introduce another writing or record of a health care provider without a health care provider's testimony, shall file and serve a notice of intent and copy of the writing or record at least 30 days before the beginning of the trial.

(d) (1) A writing or record of a health care provider made to document a medical, dental, or other health condition, a health care provider's opinion, or the providing of health care is admissible without the support of the testimony of a health care provider as the maker or the custodian of the writing or record ~~to prove~~ AS EVIDENCE OF the existence of a medical, dental, or health condition, the opinion, and the necessity and the providing of health care.

(2) A FINDER OF FACT MAY ATTACH WHATEVER WEIGHT TO A WRITING OR RECORD THAT THE FINDER OF FACT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

(e) (1) A written statement or bill for health care expenses is admissible without the support of the testimony of a health care provider as the maker or the custodian of the statement or bill AS EVIDENCE OF the amount, fairness, and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided.

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(f) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to limit the right of a party to:

- (1) Request a summons to compel the attendance of a witness;
- (2) Examine a witness who appears at trial; or
- (3) Engage in discovery as provided under the Maryland Rules.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any case filed before the effective date of this Act.

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

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