

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

Article - Health - General

19-1507.

(a) The Commission shall establish a Maryland medical care data base to compile statewide data on health services rendered by health care practitioners and office facilities selected by the Commission.

(b) In addition to any other information the Commission may require by regulation, the medical care data base shall:

(1) Collect for each type of patient encounter with a health care practitioner or office facility designated by the Commission:

(i) The demographic characteristics of the patient;

(ii) The principal diagnosis;

(iii) The procedure performed;

(iv) The date and location of where the procedure was performed;

(v) The charge for the procedure;

(vi) If the bill for the procedure was submitted on an assigned or nonassigned basis; [and]

(vii) If applicable, a health care practitioner's universal identification number; AND

(VIII) IF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER RENDERING THE SERVICE IS A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, ~~THE IDENTIFICATION MODIFIER~~ MODIFIERS FOR THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE;

(2) Collect appropriate information relating to prescription drugs for each type of patient encounter with a pharmacist designated by the Commission; and

(3) Collect appropriate information relating to health care costs, utilization, or resources from payors and governmental agencies.

Article - Insurance

15-1004.

(a) For services rendered by a person entitled to reimbursement under § 15-701(a) of this title or by a hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article, an insurer or nonprofit health service plan:

(1) except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, shall accept the uniform claims form adopted by the Commissioner under § 15-1003 of this subtitle: