

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 617

(House Bill 280)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Reimbursements to Health Care Practitioners - Costs of Oncology Drugs

FOR the purpose of ~~including the cost of certain supplies and services used by health care practitioners in treating patients under certain circumstances in the cost of oncology drugs that must be reimbursed by carriers; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from reimbursing a health care practitioner in an amount that is less than the cost of certain supplies and administrative services; providing for a certain exception; prohibiting carriers from requiring health care practitioners to obtain oncology drugs from a particular source; repealing a provision that authorizes carriers to reimburse a health care practitioner in an amount less than the practitioner's cost under certain circumstances; and generally repealing certain provisions of law~~ relating to reimbursement of health care practitioners for the costs of oncology drugs under health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- Article - Insurance
- Section 15-113
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

- Article - Health - General
- Section 19-706(i)
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1996 Replacement 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: