

(10) A health care practitioner who refers a patient to a dialysis facility, if the patient has been diagnosed with end stage renal disease as defined in the Medicare regulations pursuant to the Social Security Act; OR

(11) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO REFERS A PATIENT TO A HOSPITAL IN WHICH THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER HAS A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IF:

(I) THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM SERVICES AT THE HOSPITAL; AND

(II) THE OWNERSHIP OR INVESTMENT INTEREST IS IN THE HOSPITAL ITSELF AND NOT SOLELY IN A SUBDIVISION OF THE HOSPITAL.

(e) A health care practitioner exempted from the provisions of this section in accordance with subsection (d) shall be subject to the disclosure provisions of § 1-303 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 230

(Senate Bill 116)

AN ACT concerning

Workers' Compensation Commission - Offsets and Credits for Overpayment of Certain Benefits

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Workers' Compensation Commission to order an offset or credit against an award for permanent partial disability benefits for vocational rehabilitation benefits previously provided to a covered employee ~~on or after a certain date~~ or for temporary total disability benefits previously paid to a covered employee ~~on or after a certain date~~.

BY adding to

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 9-610.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

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