

(i) Covered under the subscriber's contract; and

(ii) Rendered by a provider, who is not the person or entity which entered into the administrative service provider contract with the health maintenance organization, pursuant to a referral by a person or entity which entered into the administrative service provider contract with the health maintenance organization.

(2) Responsibility for claims and payments under this subsection is subject to the provisions of [§ 19-712.1 of this subtitle] § 15-1005 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

(C) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION FOR CLAIMS OR PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT:

(1) IS NOT LIMITED BY THE AMOUNT IN A SEGREGATED FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 19-713.2 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) EXISTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE INSOLVENCY OR OTHER INABILITY OR FAILURE OF A CONTRACTING PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 19-713.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO PAY;

(3) EXISTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DELEGATION OR FURTHER SUBCONTRACTING OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY A CONTRACTING PROVIDER TO AN EXTERNAL PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 19-713.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(4) MAY NOT BE ALTERED BY CONTRACT; AND

(5) APPLIES TO ALL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS, UNLESS PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

(D) SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND ANY COMPANY AFFILIATED WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THROUGH COMMON OWNERSHIP WITHIN AN INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM, THAT MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A CONTRACTING PROVIDER UNDER § 19-713.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

§19-713.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Administrative service provider contract" means a contract or capitation agreement between a health maintenance organization and a contracting provider which includes requirements that:

(i) The contracting provider accept payments from a health maintenance organization for health care services to be provided to members of the health maintenance organization that the contracting provider arranges to be provided by external providers; and