

CHAPTER 355

(House Bill 304)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Preauthorized Health Care Services - Denials of Reimbursement by Carriers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying reimbursement to a health care provider for preauthorized or approved services delivered to a patient if a ~~course of treatment~~ health care service has been preauthorized or approved for the patient; providing certain exceptions; providing that a carrier must pay certain claims in accordance with certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; making a stylistic change; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to denials of reimbursement by carriers for preauthorized or approved services delivered to a patient.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article - Insurance~~

~~Section 15-1008~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-1009

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

~~15-1008.~~

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

(2) ~~"Carrier" means:~~

(i) ~~an insurer;~~