(2) The Insurance Commissioner or an agent of the Commissioner shall examine the financial affairs and status of each managed care organization at least once every 5 years.

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- (b) (1) (I) [A] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A A person who holds a certificate of authority to operate a health maintenance organization under this subtitle and who enters into any administrative service provider contract, as defined in § 19-713.1 § 19-713.2 of this subtitle, with a person or entity for the provision of health care services to subscribers shall be FINANCIALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY responsible for all claims or payments for health care services:
 - **!**(i)} ★ Covered under the subscriber's contract; and
- **(ii)** 2. 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.
- (II) THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT:
- 1. ARE NOT LIMITED BY THE VALUE OF THE ASSETS OF A SEGRECATED FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT:
- 2. EXIST IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE CONTRACTING PROVIDER IS INSOLVENT; AND
- 3. EXIST IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY CONTRARY OR LIMITING CONTRACT PROVISION.
- (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;