

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance  
Section 15-1003, 15-1004, and 15-1005  
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 - Health - General**

19-706.

*(kk) The provisions of [§ 15-1005] §§ 15-1003, 15-1004, AND 15-1005 of the Insurance Article apply to health maintenance organizations.*

[19-712.3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, for services rendered to its members or subscribers, a health maintenance organization shall accept as a properly filed claim and the sole instrument for reimbursement the uniform claims form submitted by a hospital or health care practitioner in accordance with § 15-1003 of the Insurance Article.

(b) The uniform claims form submitted under this section:

- (1) Shall be properly completed; and
- (2) May be submitted by electronic transfer.

(c) A health maintenance organization may not impose as a condition of payment any requirements on a hospital or health care practitioner to:

- (1) Modify the uniform claims form or its content; or
- (2) Submit additional claims forms.

(d) When the legitimacy or appropriateness of the health care service is disputed, a health maintenance organization may request additional medical information that describes and summarizes the diagnosis, treatment, and services rendered to the member or subscriber.

(e) When necessary to determine eligibility for benefits or for determination of coverage, a health maintenance organization may obtain additional information from its subscriber or member, the employer of the subscriber or member, or any other non-provider third party, provided that any delays in paying a uniform claim resulting from obtaining this information are subject to the provisions of § 19-712.1(b) of this subtitle.