

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 278**

**(Senate Bill 451)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Care Providers - Collection of Medicare Copayments and Deductibles Approved or Limiting Amounts**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a health care provider to collect certain Medicare ~~copayments and deductibles~~ approved or limiting amounts from individual subscribers or enrollees when Medicare is the primary insurer and a health maintenance organization is the secondary insurer; and generally relating to the collection of Medicare ~~copayments and deductibles~~ approved or limiting amounts by health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

19-710.

(a) To qualify for a certificate of authority to operate as a health maintenance organization, an applicant shall satisfy the Commissioner that the applicant will meet the requirements of this section.

(p) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, individual enrollees and subscribers of health maintenance organizations issued certificates of authority to operate in this State shall not be liable to any health care provider for any covered services provided to the enrollee or subscriber.