

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

15-112.

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

(3) (i) "Carrier" means:

1. an insurer;
2. a nonprofit health service plan;
3. a health maintenance organization;
4. a dental plan organization; or
5. any other person that provides health benefit plans

subject to regulation by the State.

(ii) "Carrier" includes an entity that arranges a provider panel for a carrier.

(4) "Enrollee" means a person entitled to health care benefits from a carrier.

(6) "Provider" means a health care practitioner or group of health care practitioners licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services.

~~(c) A CARRIER MAY NOT REQUIRE A PROVIDER THAT DELIVERS HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH A GROUP PRACTICE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY TO ACCEPT THE REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE APPLICABLE UNDER THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE GROUP PRACTICE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY AND THE CARRIER FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES THE PROVIDER DELIVERS;~~

~~(1) TO ENROLLEES OF THE CARRIER THROUGH A SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENT; AND~~