

This bill would require health care providers to use uniform claim forms and require health maintenance organizations, insurers, etc. to accept the forms. It would also authorize submission by electronic transfer, and require the Insurance Commission to adopt by regulation uniform claim forms.

House Bill 1378, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1992, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 562.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 562

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Cost Containment – Uniform Claims Forms

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health care practitioners and hospitals to use a certain uniform claims form when submitting a claim or bill for reimbursement to a third party payor; requiring certain health maintenance organizations, nonprofit health service plans, and certain insurers to accept certain uniform claims forms as properly filed claims with all necessary documentation and as the sole instruments for reimbursement; prohibiting health maintenance organizations, nonprofit health service plans, and certain insurers from imposing, as a condition of payment, any requirements on hospitals or certain health care practitioners to modify the uniform claims forms or to submit additional claims forms ~~or information~~; specifying that the completed uniform claims form may be submitted by electronic transfer; specifying that when the legitimacy or appropriateness of a health care service is disputed, certain additional medical information may be requested; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt by regulation certain uniform claims forms; specifying that when it is necessary to determine eligibility for benefits or for determination of coverage, certain additional information may be obtained from certain persons; specifying that certain delays in paying certain claims are subject to certain provisions; requiring third party administrators to only use certain uniform claims forms for the administration of health benefit plans in the State; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to consult with certain persons when developing a certain uniform claims form; requiring certain provisions of this Act to be implemented by a certain date; and generally relating to health care cost containment and uniform claims forms.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 1-207

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