

(I) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE;

(II) A HEALTH INSURER, OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, ~~HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION, OR PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION~~ AUTHORIZED TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS IN THIS STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE; OR

(III) A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE.

(4) "UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM" MEANS THE CLAIM OR BILLING FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER ADOPTED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER UNDER § 490P OF ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE.

(B) WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM OR BILL FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO A THIRD PARTY PAYOR, A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL USE THE UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM.

~~(C) THE COMPLETED UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ELECTRONIC TRANSFER.~~

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(1) SHALL BE PROPERLY COMPLETED; AND

(2) MAY BE SUBMITTED BY ELECTRONIC TRANSFER.

~~(C)~~ (D) THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$100 ON ANY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER THAT VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

#### Article - Health - General

19-350.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "THIRD PARTY PAYOR" MEANS ANY PERSON THAT ADMINISTERS OR PROVIDES REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS INCLUDING:

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