

of ~~a~~ an oncology drug used in treating a patient under certain circumstances; providing for a certain exception; and generally relating to the reimbursement of oncology drug costs to health care practitioners in health insurance.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(i) The provisions of §§ 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, and 15-812 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

Article - Insurance

15-113.

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

(2) "Carrier" means:

(i) an insurer;

(ii) a nonprofit health service plan;

(iii) a health maintenance organization;

(iv) a dental plan organization; or

(v) any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(3) "Health care practitioner" means an individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care services.

(b) A carrier may not reimburse a health care practitioner in an amount less than the sum or rate negotiated in the carrier's provider contract with the health care practitioner.