

**CHAPTER 423**

**(Senate Bill 699)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - Compensation of Health Care Practitioners - Capitated Fees**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting health insurance carriers that compensate health care practitioners on a capitated basis from retaining certain capitated fees; requiring carriers to pay health care practitioners certain capitated fees in a certain manner; and generally relating to compensation of health care practitioners by health insurance carriers on a capitated basis.

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 - 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.