

(3) reductions in State revenues attributable to changes in federal income tax law; or

(4) substantial downturns in revenues resulting from significant changes in the economy or federal actions that lay off or terminate Maryland employees.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 605

(Senate Bill 373)

AN ACT concerning

**Health Maintenance Organizations - ~~Patient Transfers and Reimbursements~~
Reimbursement to Hospital Emergency Facilities and Providers**

~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain policies and requirements of a health maintenance organization from requiring a hospital emergency facility or provider to violate the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act; requiring that health maintenance organizations reimburse hospital emergency facilities for services necessary to stabilize members or subscribers before transferring them; providing for the effective date of this Act;~~

FOR the purpose of requiring a health maintenance organization to reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical assessment and stabilization services rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to issue certain orders for certain violations; ~~increasing~~ altering a certain penalty; and generally relating to hospital emergency facility services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-712.5, ~~19-729~~, and 19-730

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~~(As enacted by Chapter 107 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)~~