

medical assessment and stabilization services rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act; establishing a certain penalty; altering a certain provision of law related to prohibited acts of health maintenance organizations; altering a certain penalty; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to hospital emergency facility services.

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Article - Health - General
Section 19-712.5, 19-729, and 19-730
Annotated Code of Maryland
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(As enacted by Chapter 107 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)~~

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

Article - Health - General

19-712.5.

(a) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medically necessary services provided to a member or subscriber of the health maintenance organization if the health maintenance organization authorized, directed, referred, or otherwise allowed the member or subscriber to use the emergency facility and the medically necessary services are related to the condition for which the member was allowed to use the emergency facility.

(b) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medically necessary services that relate to the condition presented and that are provided by the provider in the emergency facility to a member or subscriber of the health maintenance organization if the health maintenance organization fails to provide 24-hour access in accordance with the standards of quality of care required under § 19-705.1(b)(2) of this subtitle.

(c) A health maintenance organization shall reimburse a hospital emergency facility and provider, less any applicable co-payments, for medical screening, ASSESSMENT, AND STABILIZATION services rendered to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act.