

2. A copy of the writing or record; and

(iii) The writing or record is otherwise admissible.

(2) A party, who receives a notice under paragraph (1) of this subsection and intends to introduce another [medical, dental, or hospital] HEALTH CARE writing or record OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER without a [physician's, dentist's, or hospital employee's] HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S testimony, shall file and serve a notice of intent and copy of the writing or record at least 30 days before the beginning of the trial.

[(c)] (D) A [medical, dental, or hospital] HEALTH CARE writing or record OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER made to document a medical [or], dental, OR OTHER HEALTH condition, a [physician's or dentist's medical or dental] HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S opinion, or the providing of [medical or dental treatment] HEALTH CARE is admissible without the support of the testimony of a [physician, dentist, or hospital employee] HEALTH CARE PROVIDER as the maker or the custodian of the writing or record to prove the existence of a medical [or], dental, OR HEALTH condition, the opinion, and the necessity and the providing of [medical or dental treatment] HEALTH CARE.

[(d)] (E) A written statement or bill for [medical, dental, or hospital] HEALTH CARE expenses is admissible without the support of the testimony of a [physician, dentist, or hospital employee] HEALTH CARE PROVIDER as the maker or the custodian of the statement or bill to prove the amount, fairness, and reasonableness of the charges for the services or materials provided.

[(e)] (F) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to limit the right of a party to:

- (1) Request a summons to compel the attendance of a witness;
- (2) Examine a witness who appears at trial; or
- (3) Engage in discovery as provided under the Maryland Rules.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any case filed before the effective date of this Act.

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

Approved May 21, 1998.