

HOUSE BILL 63

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Conaway**

Requested: October 20, 2016

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Practitioners – Cost Estimate Notice – Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring health care practitioners to provide certain information to a
4 certain individual relating to the cost of a certain health care service; requiring the
5 information to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain time; defining certain
6 terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health care
7 practitioners and cost estimate notices.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 1–206

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 **1–206.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “CARRIER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15–113 OF THE
20 INSURANCE ARTICLE.

21 (3) “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
22 1–221 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 **(C) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING**
4 **INFORMATION IN WRITING TO AN INDIVIDUAL, OR THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MINOR, BEFORE PERFORMING A HEALTH CARE SERVICE FOR**
6 **THE INDIVIDUAL:**

7 **(1) AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE THAT**
8 **THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WILL PROVIDE TO THE INDIVIDUAL;**

9 **(2) THE AMOUNT, IF ANY, THAT WILL BE PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S**
10 **CARRIER FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE; AND**

11 **(3) THE DIFFERENCE, IF ANY, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR OTHER**
12 **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH CARE WOULD BE REQUIRED**
13 **TO PAY TO THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER FOR THE HEALTH CARE SERVICE.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2017.