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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

SENATE BILL # 600 Health Insurance – Reimbursement of Primary Care Providers – Bonus Payments - Applicability

DATE:

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COMMITTEE:

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SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines the term "primary care provider", as it applies to Bonus Payments from insurance carriers to providers.

EXPLANATION:

Defines the term, "primary care provider" and provides for a bonus payment from carriers when services are rendered in either a primary care office or urgent care facility, after 6:00pm and before 8:00am on weekends and national holidays.

Current Maryland law requires a bonus payment to "primary care providers" for services on weekends and national holidays, after 6pm and before 8am.

Services provided in both an office and urgent care setting are the same, but lacking a clear definition of "primary care providers", the carriers are not paying Bonus Payments to urgent care providers.