
By: **Delegate Arnick**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Pharmacies - Electronic Reimbursement by the Department of**
3 **Health and Mental Hygiene**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain pharmacies to receive a certain
5 reimbursement electronically from the Department of Health and Mental
6 Hygiene under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; providing that this
7 Act does not apply to a person providing pharmacy benefit manager services;
8 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the electronic
9 claim reimbursement of pharmacies by the Department of Health and Mental
10 Hygiene.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Health - General
13 Section 15-101(i) and 15-105(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Health - General
18 Section 15-105.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health - General

2 15-101.

3 (i) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

4 15-105.

5 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations for the reimbursement
6 of providers under the Program. However, except for an invoice that must be
7 submitted to a Medicare intermediary or Medicare carrier for an individual who may
8 have both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, payment may not be made for an invoice
9 that is received more than 1 year after the dates of the services given.

10 15-105.1.

11 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON PROVIDING PHARMACY
12 BENEFIT MANAGER SERVICES.

13 (B) IF A PHARMACY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
14 ELECTRONICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 15-105(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THEN
15 THE PHARMACY MAY CHOOSE TO BE REIMBURSED ELECTRONICALLY, AND IN THAT
16 EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHARMACY ELECTRONICALLY
17 UNDER THE PROGRAM.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, ~~2003~~ 2004.