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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Required Reimbursement - Podiatrists**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that, if a certain health insurance policy or contract
4 provides for reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of
5 practice of a licensed podiatrist, the insured or any other person covered by or
6 entitled to reimbursement under the health insurance policy or contract is
7 entitled to the same amount of reimbursement for the service regardless of
8 whether the service is performed by a physician or a licensed podiatrist;
9 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
10 reimbursement for services provided by podiatrists under health insurance
11 policies and contracts.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Insurance
14 Section 15-713
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Health - General
19 Section 19-706(zz)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

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Article - Insurance

2 15-713.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH
4 INSURANCE POLICIES AND CONTRACTS DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN
5 THE STATE BY INSURERS, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS, AND HEALTH
6 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

7 (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of an individual, group, or blanket
8 health insurance policy OR CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION, if the policy OR
9 CONTRACT provides for reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of
10 practice of a licensed podiatrist, the insured or any other person covered by OR
11 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER the policy OR CONTRACT is entitled to THE
12 SAME AMOUNT OF reimbursement for the service regardless of whether the service is
13 performed by a physician or licensed podiatrist.

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Article - Health - General

15 19-706.

16 (ZZ) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-713 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO
17 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to all
19 policies and contracts subject to this Act that are delivered, issued for delivery, or
20 renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2003.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2003.