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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
$\frac{2}{3}$	Health Insurance - Special Services, Procedures, or Reports - Reimbursement
4 5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain carriers from denying reimbursement for certain services, procedures, or reports under certain circumstances; requiring certain carriers to pay certain claims in accordance with certain provisions of law; providing that certain provisions of law are applicable to health maintenance organizations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to reimbursement for services, procedures, or reports by health insurance carriers.
10 11 12 13 14	BY adding to Article – Health – General Section 19–706(ppp) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
15 16 17 18 19	BY adding to Article – Insurance Section 15–1009.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
$\frac{20}{21}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
22	Article - Health - General
23	19–706.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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THIS SUBTITLE.

$\frac{1}{2}$	(PPP) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15–1009.1 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.
3	Article - Insurance
4	15–1009.1.
5 6	(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
7	(2) "CARRIER" MEANS:
8	(I) AN INSURER;
9	(II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;
10	(III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;
11	(IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR
12 13	(V) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.
14 15 16 17 18	(3) "SPECIAL SERVICE, PROCEDURE, OR REPORT" MEANS ANY SERVICE, PROCEDURE, OR REPORT FOR WHICH A SPECIAL SERVICES, PROCEDURES, OR REPORTS CODE EXISTS IN THE CURRENT PROCEDURAL AND TERMINOLOGY (CPT) CODE BOOK, AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.
19 20 21	(B) A CARRIER MAY NOT DENY REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICE, PROCEDURE, OR REPORT IF THE SPECIAL SERVICE, PROCEDURE, OR REPORT IS PROVIDED BY A HEALTH PROVIDER:
22 23 24	(1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF A COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO AN ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER OF THE CARRIER; OR
25	(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE CARRIER.
26 27	(C) A CARRIER SHALL PAY A CLAIM FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE, PROCEDURE, OR REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 15–1005 AND 15–1008 OF

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.