

HOUSE BILL 1147

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By: **Delegate Donoghue**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2009

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Reimbursement of Physicians for Administrative**
3 **Services - Required**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring health insurance carriers to reimburse physicians for
5 certain administrative services provided to enrollees; defining certain terms;
6 and generally relating to reimbursement of physicians by health insurance
7 carriers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article - Health - General

10 Section 19-706(ttt)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article - Insurance

15 Section 15-132

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-706.

22 **(TTT) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-132 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY**
23 **TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.**

24 **Article - Insurance**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **15-132.**

2 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
3 MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (2) "CARRIER" MEANS:

5 (I) AN INSURER;

6 (II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

7 (III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

8 (IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR

9 (V) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT
10 PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.

11 (3) "ENROLLEE" MEANS A PERSON ENTITLED TO HEALTH CARE
12 BENEFITS FROM A CARRIER.

13 (B) EACH CARRIER SHALL REIMBURSE PHYSICIANS FOR
14 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES, INCLUDING
15 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, AND
16 COMPLETION OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORMS.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2009.