

SENATE BILL 1077

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HB 1162/17 – HGO

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CF HB 1376

By: **Senator Mathias**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacy Benefits – Processing and Adjudication of Claims – Restrictions on**
3 **Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting pharmacy benefits managers or certain purchasers from
5 directly or indirectly charging a contracted pharmacy, or holding a contracted
6 pharmacy responsible for, certain fees; defining a certain term; and generally
7 relating to pharmacy benefits, fees, and the processing and adjudication of claims.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Insurance

10 Section 15–1628.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Insurance**

16 **15–1628.2.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONTRACTED PHARMACY” HAS THE MEANING
18 STATED IN § 15–1628.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (B) A PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER OR A PURCHASER MAY NOT
20 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CHARGE A CONTRACTED PHARMACY, OR HOLD A
21 CONTRACTED PHARMACY RESPONSIBLE FOR, A FEE RELATED TO A CLAIM THAT IS
22 NOT:

23 (1) SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED BY THE PHARMACY BENEFITS

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **MANAGER OR PURCHASER AT THE TIME OF CLAIM PROCESSING; OR**

2 **(2) REPORTED ON THE INITIAL REMITTANCE ADVICE OF AN**
3 **ADJUDICATED CLAIM.**

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
5 **October 1, 2018.**