

HOUSE BILL 660

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Expense Reimbursement Claims Forms – Methods for**
3 **Submission**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health
5 maintenance organizations to permit an insured, a subscriber, or a member to
6 submit a claim for reimbursement for certain expenses by first-class mail and by
7 facsimile transmission or through a certain Web site; requiring certain insurers,
8 nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations annually to
9 provide a certain notice and certain instructions; specifying when certain insurers,
10 nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations must comply
11 with this Act; and generally relating to submission of claims forms under health
12 insurance.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Insurance

15 Section 15-1011

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Insurance**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 15-1011.

2 (A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

3 (I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT
4 PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS
5 ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR
6 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

7 (II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
8 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER
9 CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

10 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS FOR
11 REIMBURSEMENT:

12 (I) FOR SERVICES RECEIVED UNDER MEDICARE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL POLICIES OR CONTRACTS; OR

14 (II) FOR PHARMACEUTICAL OR VISION SERVICES.

15 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PERMIT AN INSURED, A
16 SUBSCRIBER, OR A MEMBER SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED
17 BY THE INSURED, SUBSCRIBER, OR MEMBER, IN CONNECTION WITH A COVERED
18 SERVICE PROVIDED IN THE UNITED STATES, TO SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR
19 REIMBURSEMENT:

20 (1) BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL; AND

21 (2) AT THE ELECTION OF THE ENTITY:

22 (I) BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION; OR

23 (II) THROUGH A WEB SITE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE SECURE
24 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION.

25 (C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION ANNUALLY SHALL PROVIDE:

26 (1) A NOTICE THAT A CLAIMS FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED:

27 (I) BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL; AND

28 (II) AT THE ELECTION OF THE ENTITY:

1 1. BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION; OR

2 2. THROUGH A WEB SITE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE
3 SECURE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION; AND

4 (2) INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SUBMIT A CLAIM BY FACSIMILE
5 TRANSMISSION OR THROUGH A SECURE WEB SITE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an insurer, a nonprofit health
7 service plan, or a health maintenance organization subject to this Act shall comply with
8 this Act on the earlier of:

9 (1) the date that the claims processing system of the insurer, nonprofit
10 health service plan, or health maintenance organization is capable of complying with the
11 Act; or

12 (2) October 1, 2017.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.