

HOUSE BILL 583

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By: **Delegate Cardin**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Podiatrists – Reimbursement for Infusion of Medication**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain health insurance policies and contracts delivered
4 or issued for delivery in the State provide for adjustments to reimbursement for the
5 infusion of medication by podiatrists on certain days each year; and generally
6 relating to reimbursement for services provided by podiatrists under health
7 insurance policies and contracts.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Insurance

10 Section 15–713

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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 15–713.

17 (a) This section applies to individual, group, or blanket health insurance policies
18 and contracts delivered or issued for delivery in the State by insurers, nonprofit health
19 service plans, and health maintenance organizations.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of an individual, group, or blanket
21 health insurance policy or contract subject to this section, if the policy or contract provides
22 for reimbursement for a service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a licensed
23 podiatrist[.]:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1)** the insured or any other person covered by or entitled to reimbursement
2 under the policy or contract is entitled to the same amount of reimbursement for the service
3 regardless of whether the service is performed by a physician or licensed podiatrist; **AND**

4 **(2) IF THE SERVICE IS THE INFUSION OF A MEDICATION, THE**
5 **INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR CONTRACT**
6 **SHALL PROVIDE FOR QUARTERLY ADJUSTMENTS TO REIMBURSEMENT ON THE**
7 **FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, AND OCTOBER EACH YEAR.**

8 (c) This section does not prohibit, and may not be construed as prohibiting, the
9 determination of reimbursement based on the geographic location of the delivery of service,
10 the preeminent qualifications of a physician or podiatrist, or the need to provide services in
11 an underserved area of the State.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
13 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or
14 after January 1, 2024.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 January 1, 2024.