

HOUSE BILL 594

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Assignment of Benefits**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier from prohibiting the assignment of benefits
4 to a health care provider by an insured, subscriber, or enrollee; prohibiting a
5 carrier from refusing to directly reimburse a health care provider under an
6 assignment of benefits; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
7 assignment of benefits under health insurance.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–706(cccc)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Insurance
15 Section 15–134
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) PROHIBIT THE ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS TO A HEALTH CARE**
2 **PROVIDER BY AN INSURED, SUBSCRIBER, OR ENROLLEE; OR**

3 **(2) REFUSE TO DIRECTLY REIMBURSE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**
4 **UNDER A VALID ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2010.