

Legislation

A. House Bill 706 (Maryland)

An act concerning entitled **Electronic Health Records – Regulation and Reimbursement (HB 706)**, signed by Governor of Maryland on May 19, 2009, made provisions requiring the following:

- that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimburse certain health care providers in accordance with certain provisions of this Act;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission designate a health information exchange for the State;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission report on progress in implementing certain provisions of this Act;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission, following consultation with certain stakeholders, post on its website for a public comment and submit to the Governor and certain legislative committees, a report on certain aspects of health information technology;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and others, to adopt regulations that require certain payors to provide incentives to health care providers to promote the adoption and certain use of electronic health records; establishing certain requirements for the incentives; providing that the incentives may include certain items and services; specifying that the regulations need not require incentives for certain types of health care providers;
- that the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Department, in consultation with certain other entities, to take certain actions that relate to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and certain rules and regulations;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain progress achieved and recommendations for changes that may be necessary for certain adoption and use of electronic health records;
- that the Maryland Health Care Commission designate certain management service organizations, authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to use certain grants and loans in a certain manner;
- that certain health care providers use certain electronic health records on and after a certain date; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to health maintenance organizations;
- that State-regulated payors to provide incentives to certain health care providers in accordance with certain provisions of this Act;
- that the Secretary of Budget and Management ensure that the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program complies with certain provisions of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the regulation of and reimbursement for the use of electronic health records.

Further details available: <http://mlis.state.md.us/2009rs/billfile/HB0706.htm>