



1       (c) No patient, insurer, third-party payor, hospital, public health clinic, or  
2 nonprofit health clinic shall be required to reimburse any licensed practitioner for  
3 charges or claims submitted in violation of this section.

4       (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require direct reimbursement to  
5 the practitioner for anatomic pathology services.

6       (e) As used in this section, "anatomic pathology services" means:

7           (1) Histopathology or surgical pathology: the gross and microscopic  
8 examination and histologic processing of organ tissue performed by a  
9 physician or under the supervision of a physician;

10          (2) Cytopathology: the examination of cells, from fluids, aspirates,  
11 washings, brushings, or smears, including the Pap test examination  
12 performed by a physician or under the supervision of a physician;

13          (3) Hematology: the microscopic evaluation of bone marrow aspirates and  
14 biopsies performed by a physician, or under the supervision of a  
15 physician and peripheral blood smears when the attending or treating  
16 physician or technologist requests that a blood smear be reviewed by a  
17 pathologist; and

18          (4) Subcellular pathology and molecular pathology; and blood-banking  
19 services performed by pathologists.

20       (f) This section does not prohibit billing of a referring laboratory, other than a  
21 laboratory of a physician's office or group practice, for anatomic pathology services in  
22 instances where a sample or samples must be sent to another specialist.

23       (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding a hospital affiliated  
24 laboratory from billing the director of the laboratory for anatomic pathology services, or  
25 a component thereof, that were provided in the hospital-affiliated laboratory and  
26 supervised by the director of the laboratory.

27       (h) The respective State licensing boards having jurisdiction over any practitioner  
28 who may request or provide anatomic pathology services may revoke, suspend, or deny  
29 renewal of the license of any practitioner that violates this section."

30       **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.