

An Act relating to accident and health insurance policies; amending 36 O.S. 1991, Section 1219, as last amended by Section 50, Chapter 418, O.S.L. 1997 (36 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1219), which relates to delay in payment of claims; eliminating specified unfair claim settlement; requiring reimbursement of all clean claims of an insured within specified time period; modifying payment of interest requirement; modifying and adding definitions; requiring notification if claim is not clean; construing phrase; specifying contents of written notice; limiting action to specified time period on claims needing additional information or corrections; construing when payment on claim shall be considered made; providing for penalties; amending Section 1, Chapter 236 O.S.L. 1998 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2514), which relates to reimbursement of claims; modifying list of entities required to reimburse clean claims; decreasing time limit on reimbursement of clean claims; modifying definition; decreasing time periods for specified notification and for paying claims; providing for penalties; allowing prevailing parties in litigation to recover a reasonable attorney's fee; requiring the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Plan to adhere to same standards of paying claims as other insurers; requiring payment of clean claim within specified time period; defining term; requiring notification of unclean claim within specified time period; stating contents of notice; stating certain prima facie evidence standard; requiring payment of portion of claim that is accurate within specified time period; requiring action on claim upon receipt of information within specified time period; stating grounds upon which payment shall be considered to be made; stating penalties for overdue payments; allowing prevailing party in litigation to recover a reasonable attorney's fee; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.