

CHAPTER 816

(House Bill 1729)

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organization - Standards for Quality of Care

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to set out certain standards of quality of care for health maintenance organizations; requiring the standards to include certain requirements; requiring the State Insurance Commissioner to notify the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene about certain fiscal determinations concerning a health maintenance organization; requiring the health maintenance organizations to provide certain services to its members; requiring a health maintenance organization to prepare a certain plan that includes certain information; requiring a health maintenance organization to have an internal peer review system to evaluate its utilization and quality of health care services; requiring the Department to conduct an external review of the quality of the health care services; providing for the composition of the external review; providing for the external review to consist of certain evaluations; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from failing to provide certain services to its members in a timely manner; requiring the Commissioner to notify the Department of certain determinations; requiring the Department to monitor certain health maintenance organizations under specified conditions; and generally relating to the standards of quality of care for a health maintenance organization.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-705.1, 19-728(c), and 19-729(a)(9)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-710(f), 19-729(a)(7) and (8), and 19-730  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General