

Occurred: Ch. 416, Acts of 1970. Language became obsolete on internal date.

[370Y.] 470Y.

(a) Every insurer proposing to issue or deliver a health insurance policy or contract or administer a health benefit program which provides for the coverage of hospital benefits and the utilization review of such benefits shall:

(1) Have a certificate in accordance with Subtitle 13 of Title 19 of the Health - General Article;

(2) Contract with a private review agent that has a certificate in accordance with Subtitle 13 of Title 19 of the Health - General Article; or

(3) Contract with or delegate to a hospital utilization review program approved under § 19-319(d) of the Health - General Article.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, for claims where the medical necessity of the provision of a covered benefit is disputed, an insurer that does not meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall pay any person or hospital entitled to reimbursement under the policy, contract, or certificate in accordance with the determination of medical necessity by the hospital utilization review program approved under § 19-319(d) of the Health - General Article.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Error: Incorrect section number in Article 48A, § 470Y.

Occurred: Ch. 703, Acts of 1988. Correction by the Michie Company in the 1988 Cumulative Supplement to the 1986 Replacement Volume of Volume 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland is validated by this Act.

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(a) Every hospital or major medical insurance policy or certificate written on an expense-incurred basis which is [delivered] DELIVERED, or issued for delivery, within this State must include benefits for expenses arising from treatment of acute mental illnesses and emotional disorders which in the professional judgment of practitioners are subject to significant improvement through short-term therapy. These benefits must be at least equal to the following minimum requirements:

(1) With respect to benefits for confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, the period of confinement for which