

ENROLLEE, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, SUBSCRIBER, OR OTHER PERSON INFORMATION THAT IS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING:

(1) COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES;

(2) COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO MAINTAIN THE PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP WHILE THE PATIENT IS UNDER THE PROVIDER'S CARE;

(3) COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING AN ENROLLEE'S OR SUBSCRIBER'S RIGHT TO APPEAL COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS OF A CARRIER WITH WHICH THE PROVIDER OR THE ENROLLEE OR SUBSCRIBER DOES NOT AGREE; AND

(4) OPINIONS AND THE BASIS OF AN OPINION REGARDING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A CARRIER, AS A CONDITION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND THE CARRIER, FROM PROHIBITING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FROM TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH A CONTRACT AS RECOGNIZED UNDER MARYLAND LAW.

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(L) THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, § 490FF OF THE CODE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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(R) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ECONOMIC PRACTICE PROFILE" MEANS A PROFILE, SUMMARY, ~~OR~~ ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, OR OTHER ANALYSIS OF DATA CONCERNING SERVICES RENDERED OR UTILIZED BY A PROVIDER ~~THAT IS~~ UNDER CONTRACT WITH OR EMPLOYED BY A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ~~IN~~ FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY THE PROVIDER TO ENROLLEES OR SUBSCRIBERS OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(2) IF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION USES AN ECONOMIC A PRACTICE PROFILE AS A FACTOR IN ITS ~~PEER REVIEW, QUALITY ASSURANCE, CONTRACT REVIEW, OR OTHER PROVIDER REVIEW PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE PROVIDER TO EVALUATE A PROVIDER'S STATUS ON A PROVIDER PANEL,~~ THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL DISCLOSE ~~AND PROVIDE TO A PROVIDER ON REQUEST:~~

(F) THE DATA AND AT THE COMMENCEMENT AND RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT AND, NOT MORE OFTEN THAN ANNUALLY, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE PROVIDER:

(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CRITERIA USED TO COMPILE THE ECONOMIC PRACTICE PROFILE CONCERNING THE PROVIDER; AND