

health maintenance organizations to provide coverage under certain circumstances for certain patient cost incurred as a result of treatment being provided in a Phase I clinical trial for a life-threatening condition other than cancer; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for patient cost incurred as a result of a treatment being provided in accordance with a clinical trial.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-827

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Insurance**

15-827.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Cooperative group" means a formal network of facilities that collaborate on research projects and have an established NIH-approved Peer Review Program operating within the group.

(ii) "Cooperative group" includes:

- 1. the National Cancer Institute Clinical Cooperative Group;
- 2. the National Cancer Institute Community Clinical Oncology Program;
- 3. the AIDS Clinical Trials Group; and
- 4. the Community Programs for Clinical Research in AIDS.

(3) "FDA" means the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(4) "Member" means a policyholder, subscriber, insured, or certificate holder or a covered dependent of a policyholder, subscriber, insured, or certificate holder.

(5) "Multiple project assurance contract" means a contract between an institution and the federal Department of Health and Human Services that defines the relationship of the institution to the federal Department of Health and Human Services and sets out the responsibilities of the institution and the procedures that will be used by the institution to protect human subjects.

(6) "NIH" means the National Institutes of Health.