

27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 931.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill 931

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - Managed Behavioral Health Care Organizations -  
~~Explanations and Expense Ratios~~ Quality Measures, Explanations, and  
Expense Ratios**

FOR the purpose of requiring a carrier that owns or contracts with a managed behavioral health care organization to distribute a certain explanation to the members of the carrier; specifying certain information that the explanation must include; requiring a carrier to file a certain expense ratio; providing for a certain exception; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; establishing a task force to develop performance quality measures for managed behavioral health care organizations; providing for the membership and responsibilities of the task force; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance carriers that use managed behavioral health care organizations.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-706(ff)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance  
Section 15-126  
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 - Health - General

19-706.

(FF) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-126 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

#### Article - Insurance