

(V) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY AND PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

(3) Facilities of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation shall not be deemed to be owned and operated by the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 153

(House Bill 1228)

AN ACT concerning

~~Maryland Health Insurance Plan and Senior Prescription Drug Program~~
Health Insurance Safety Net Act of 2002

FOR the purpose of establishing a certain health insurance plan to provide comprehensive health benefits to certain individuals with preexisting medical conditions; establishing a board of directors for the plan; specifying certain duties and responsibilities of the Board; granting the Board certain regulatory authority; authorizing the Board to aggregate the purchasing of prescription drugs for enrollees in the plan and in the Senior Prescription Drug Program for a certain purpose; specifying the purpose of the plan; establishing a fund; specifying the contents of the fund; specifying that a debt or obligation of the plan is not a debt or pledge of credit of the State; specifying the uses of the fund; specifying the ~~terms of the initial members~~ term of a certain member of the Board; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Board to establish certain premium rates using a certain process; requiring the ~~Maryland Health Care Commission~~ Board to establish a certain benefit package; exempting the plan from a certain premium tax; limiting certain premium rates; providing that certain losses shall be subsidized in a certain manner; providing for the reimbursement ~~and calculation of of plan losses in a certain manner~~; requiring the Board to take certain steps to limit enrollment in the plan based on a certain financial capacity; requiring the Board to contract with an administrator for the plan ~~and the program based on certain criteria~~; requiring the administrator to provide certain reports; specifying that the Board may contract with a certain third party for certain purposes; prohibiting a certain third party from using certain information except under certain circumstances; specifying that certain actions are unlawful; requiring the Board to begin enrolling certain individuals in the plan and the program by a certain date; exempting the plan from the application of certain provisions of law; repealing a certain prescription drug subsidy plan; establishing a program to provide certain prescription drugs benefits to certain individuals; specifying the purpose of the program; requiring a certain person to administer the program;