

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies and contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2004. Any policy or contract in effect before October 1, 2004, shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than October 1, 2005.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 322

(House Bill 125)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Medicare Supplement Policies - Individuals Transferred to Enrolled in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance carriers to issue a Medicare supplement policy to certain individuals who transferred from a substantial, available, and affordable coverage plan to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan on a certain date, are terminated from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan as a result of eligibility for Medicare, and apply for a policy on or before a certain date within a certain period of time; prohibiting a carrier that issues a Medicare supplement policy from excluding or limiting benefits for certain losses because the losses involved a preexisting condition; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to issue notice of certain requirements to certain carriers; requiring the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to issue notice of the availability of Medicare supplement coverage to certain individuals; requiring certain carriers to issue certain Medicare supplement policies during a certain period of time to certain individuals eligible for Medicare as a result of disability; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to Medicare supplement policies for individuals transferred from a substantial, available, and affordable coverage plan to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-901(a), (c), and (k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-929

Annotated Code of Maryland