

CHAPTER 357

(House Bill 764)

AN ACT concerning

Health Claims Arbitration – Psychologists

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “health care provider” in the law relating to health claims arbitration to include psychologists and licensed certified social workers – clinical.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(a) and (f) and 3–2A–02(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–2A–01.

(a) In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated unless the context of their use requires otherwise.

(e) “Health care provider” means a hospital, a related institution as defined in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article, a physician, an osteopath, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a dentist, a podiatrist, A PSYCHOLOGIST, A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER – CLINICAL, and a physical therapist, licensed or authorized to provide one or more health care services in Maryland. “Health care provider” does not mean any nursing institution conducted by and for those who rely upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.

(f) “Medical injury” means injury arising or resulting from the rendering or failure to render health care.