

relating to unfair trade practices of nonprofit health service plans; defining certain terms; and generally revising and relating to the regulatory authority of the Insurance Commissioner over nonprofit health service plans, preferred provider organizations, preferred provider insurance policies, and provider service agreements.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article 48A – Insurance Code~~

~~Section 354C~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)~~

BY repealing

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 354C, 354EE, 470X, 477FF, and 490J

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 354A-1 and 650 through ~~655~~ 656 655 to be under the new subtitle
“Subtitle 49. Preferred Provider Organizations”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code

354A-1.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION OR HEARING THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) IN CONDUCTING ANY HEARING OR INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER HAS THE SAME POWERS WITH RESPECT TO NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS AS ARE GRANTED TO THE COMMISSIONER UNDER SUBTITLES 2 AND 3 OF THIS ARTICLE WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER ACTIVITY REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(C) (1) NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 15 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CORPORATION REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED UNDER ANY SECTION OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT MAINTAINS OR OPERATES