

the State certain group health insurance policies or contracts to certain employers to provide certain notice to the employers prior to entering into the contract or policy; specifying the contents of the notice; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Small Business Group Health Insurance Plan notice requirements for certain group health insurance coverage.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code

~~Section 616A through 616H, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "45A. Maryland Small Business Group Health Insurance Plan" 490M~~

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**

~~45A. MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN~~

~~616A:~~

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD.~~

~~(C) "GROUP PLAN" MEANS ANY INSURED OR SELF INSURED GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM PROVIDED IN THE STATE BY ANY PERSON, INCLUDING AN EMPLOYER, ASSOCIATION, INSURANCE COMPANY, OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN.~~

~~(D) "MEMBER" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO:~~

~~(1) IS EMPLOYED BY A SMALL BUSINESS;~~

~~(2) ELECTS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, AND PAYS THE PREMIUMS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PLAN;~~

~~(3) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;~~

~~(4) IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS UNDER ANY GROUP PLAN, OTHER THAN THE PLAN;~~

~~(5) IS NOT ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; AND~~

~~(6) HAS NOT VOLUNTARILY TERMINATED COVERAGE UNDER THE PLAN WITHIN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.~~