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CHAPTER 698

(Senate Bill 614)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 354, 355, and 356 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Nonprofit Health Service Plans," to provide that chiropractic care and services may be rendered under contracts made as a part of such nonprofit health service plans.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 354, 355, and 356 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "Nonprofit Health Service Plans," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

354.

(a) Any corporation without capital stock heretofore or hereafter organized, under the provisions of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a nonprofit health service plan whereby hospital, medical, chiropodial; CHIROPRACTIC, pharmaceutical, dental or optometric care is provided by a hospital, or hospitals, a physician or physicians, a chiropodist or chiropodists, A CHIROPRACTOR OR CHIROPRACTORS, a pharmacist or pharmacists, a dentist or dentists, and or an optometrist or optometrists, to persons who become subscribers to such plan under contracts which entitle each subscriber to certain hospital, medical, chiropodial, CHIROPRACTIC, pharmaceutical, dental or optometric care or any of them, shall be governed and regulated by the provisions of this subtitle, and by no other law relating to insurance unless such law is referred to under this subtitle, and no law hereafter enacted shall apply to such corporations, unless they are expressly designated therein, and specifically refer to such corporations.

(b) Any nonprofit health plan which provides pharmaceutical services shall grant to any subscriber, member or beneficiary the right to have any prescription filled at the pharmacy of the subscriber's, member's, or beneficiary's choice.

355.

(a) No corporation subject to the provisions of this subtitle shall issue contracts for the rendering of hospital, medical, chiropodial, CHIROPRACTIC, pharmaceutical, dental or optometric service to subscribers until the Insurance Commissioner has, by formal certificate or license, authorized it to do so. Application for such certificate of authority or license shall be made on forms to be supplied by the Insurance Commissioner containing such information as he shall deem necessary. Each application for such certificate of authority or license shall contain payment of the fee provided for by § 41 of this article, and, as a part thereof, shall be accompanied by copies of the following documents, duly certified by at least two (2) of the executive officers of such corporation:

(1) Certificate of incorporation, with all amendments thereto;