

DISEASE, OR INJURY, THE CORRECTION OF DEFECTS OR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING OF HUMAN BEINGS.

(D) "SUBSCRIBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AN INSURER OR MARKETING ORGANIZATION, UNDER WHICH THE PERSON AND/OR OTHER DESIGNATED PERSONS ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES CONTRACTED FOR.

(E) "MEMBER" (WHO MAY BE REFERRED TO AS "ENROLLEE") MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT OR ON WHOSE BEHALF A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO WITH A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(F) "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY.

(G) "HEALTH CARE PLAN" (WHICH MAY BE REFERRED TO AS A "BENEFIT PACKAGE") MEANS THE ARRANGEMENT THROUGH WHICH HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO A MEMBER UNDER CONTRACTS WHICH ENTITLE THE MEMBER TO THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED DIRECTLY, OR FURNISHED THROUGH CONTRACTS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER PERSONS, BY A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

[[(H) "PROVIDER" MEANS ANY PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, OR OTHER INSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON THAT FURNISHES HEALTH CARE SERVICES WHO IS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE.]]

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(A) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976, NO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY OPERATE WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL PROMULGATE REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MUST APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FROM THE COMMISSIONER TO OPERATE AS A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AND UNDER THE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REGULATED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.