

470F.

EVERY INSURER WHO ISSUES OR DELIVERS AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TO ANY PERSON IN THIS STATE UNDER WHICH ANY HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED FOR NORMAL PREGNANCY SHALL PROVIDE THOSE BENEFITS FOR THE COST OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR CHILDBIRTH TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE HOSPITALIZATION BENEFIT PROVIDED IN THE POLICY FOR ANY COVERED ILLNESS. THIS PROVISION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED, HOWEVER, TO REQUIRE ANY INSURER TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH IN ANY POLICY.

477G.

EVERY INSURER WHO ISSUES OR DELIVERS A GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH ANY HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED FOR NORMAL PREGNANCY SHALL PROVIDE THOSE BENEFITS FOR THE COST OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR CHILDBIRTH TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE HOSPITALIZATION BENEFIT PROVIDED IN THE POLICY FOR ANY COVERED ILLNESS. THIS PROVISION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED, HOWEVER, TO REQUIRE ANY INSURER TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH IN ANY POLICY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

CHAPTER 683

(House Bill 434)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Maternity Benefits

FOR the purpose of prohibiting discrimination in health insurance benefits for pregnancy costs between certain persons; and generally relating to health insurance for maternity care.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354E, 354F, 470F and 477G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)