

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 354E, 354F, 470F and 477G be and they are hereby added to Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354E.

EVERY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN UNDER WHICH MATERNITY BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED FOR PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, OR OF COVERED DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, WHETHER THE BENEFITS ARE IN THE FORM OF DISABILITY BENEFITS OR OF BENEFITS FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE OR FOR HOSPITALIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE IDENTICAL BENEFITS, REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS TO: (1) ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, OR (2) ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS AND ALL COVERED DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY.

354F.

EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES MATERNITY BENEFITS IN ANY POLICY FORM CUSTOMARILY ISSUED ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR A FAMILY BASIS SHALL OFFER THE BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS.

470F.

EVERY INSURER WHICH PROVIDES MATERNITY BENEFITS IN ANY POLICY FORM CUSTOMARILY ISSUED ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY BASIS SHALL OFFER THE BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS.

477G.

EVERY GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE UNDER WHICH MATERNITY BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED FOR PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, OR OF COVERED DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, WHETHER THE BENEFITS ARE IN THE FORM OF DISABILITY BENEFITS OR OF BENEFITS FOR MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE OR FOR HOSPITALIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE IDENTICAL BENEFITS, REGARDLESS OF MARITAL STATUS TO: (1) ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, OR (2) ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS AND ALL COVERED DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY.

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