

LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR PARTIAL DAYS OF IN-PATIENT CARE IN ANY PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, TWO OUT-PATIENT VISITS SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EQUIVALENT TO ONE DAY'S CARE.

(C) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN BENEFITS PROVIDED BY AN EXISTING GROUP HOSPITAL OR GROUP MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE A POLICY UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

(D) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY IF AN INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF AT LEAST 25 CERTIFICATE HOLDERS UNDER THE NEW OR EXPANDED GROUP POLICY CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED.

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(A) AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, EVERY INSURER WHICH PROPOSES TO ISSUE A GROUP HOSPITAL POLICY OR A GROUP MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY IN MARYLAND SHALL OFFER THE PROSPECTIVE GROUP POLICYHOLDER AT AN APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL PREMIUM THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, DIVISION OF LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM CONTROL.

(B) BENEFITS SHALL PROVIDE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM CONTROL FOR NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS OR PARTIAL DAYS OF IN-PATIENT CARE IN ANY PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, TWO OUT-PATIENT VISITS SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EQUIVALENT TO ONE DAY'S CARE.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.