

## AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Benefits for Services  
of Nurse Midwives

FOR the purpose of requiring that after a certain date every health insurer, including profit, nonprofit, and group and blanket health insurers, who proposes to issue a certain health insurance policy in Maryland shall include offer the option of providing benefits for expenses arising from the care, treatment, or services rendered by a nurse midwife; providing that the State medical assistance program (Medicaid) ~~shall~~ may pay for services rendered by a nurse midwife; requiring the State Board of Examiners of Nurses to maintain certain lists; establishing a utilization Peer Review Committee to be appointed by the Board; and relating generally to health insurance policies for the services of nurse midwives.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
Section 354M, 470L, 477Q, and 490A-2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
Section 42(a)(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health  
Section 294(a)(18), 295(f), and 301A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354M.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "NURSE MIDWIFE" MEANS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES AS A NURSE MIDWIFE.

(B) AFTER JULY 1, 1979 EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER WHO PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN MARYLAND SHALL ~~INCLUDE~~