

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

490F.

(a) Any group contract that is issued on an expense incurred basis, including one issued by a nonprofit health service plan, shall provide at least the following minimum benefits for the treatment of alcoholism in any calendar or policy year:

(1) 7 days of emergency care or detoxification in an acute general hospital or a nonhospital detoxification facility licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(2) 30 days care in a Type C or D facility for the treatment of alcoholism licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Division of Licensing and Enforcement and certified by that Department's Alcoholism Control Administration; and

(3) ~~60~~ 30 outpatient visits at a certified alcoholism treatment facility. ~~Benefits---provided---in paragraphs--(1)--and--(2) OF THIS SUBSECTION may be limited to 111 days--of--active--inpatient--treatment--in--the--covered person's--lifetime~~ THE BENEFIT FOR OUTPATIENT VISITS MAY BE LIMITED TO NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR OR BENEFIT PERIOD.

(b) Any GROUP major medical contract, policy or certificate, including one issued by a nonprofit health service plan, that provides benefits for both hospitalization and medical care shall provide benefits equal to at least half those required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS AND VISITS COMBINED MAY BE LIMITED TO 120 DURING THE COVERED PERSON'S LIFETIME. The maximum benefit[,] under SUBSECTION (B) OF this section[,] in the aggregate during any calendar year or benefit period may be limited to not less than \$1,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved April 28, 1981.