

TO SUBSCRIBERS OR GROUPS OF SUBSCRIBERS WHO CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES UNDER A SYSTEM OF PREPAYMENTS; AND

(3) ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS BY SUCH DIVERSE GROUPS AS:

- (I) NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS;
- (II) MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICE PLANS;
- (III) MEDICAL CARE FOUNDATIONS;
- (IV) GROUPS OF PROFESSIONALS, EITHER IN THE FORM OF PARTNERSHIPS OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS;
- (V) CONSUMER SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS; OR
- (VI) BUSINESS OR LEGAL ENTITIES.

(B) POLICY.

TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE POLICY OF THIS STATE IS TO:

- (1) PROVIDE ONE OVERALL STATE LAW THAT:
 - (I) REGULATES HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS;
 - (II) ALLOWS FLEXIBILITY FOR THE MANY FORMS THESE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS MAY TAKE; AND
 - (III) FACILITATES PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND UNIFORM ADMINISTRATION OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
- (2) ELIMINATE LEGAL BARRIERS TO THE ORGANIZATION, PROMOTION, AND EXPANSION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS:
- 3) PROVIDE FOR REGULATION OF:
 - (I) THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE, BY THE DEPARTMENT AND BY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE; AND
 - (II) ALL OTHER MATTERS COVERED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND
 - (4) EXEMPT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE INSURANCE LAWS OF THIS STATE, EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 841.