

services provided by a hospice care ~~facility~~ program; defining and redefining certain terms; and providing that the provisions of this Act relating to health insurance and health maintenance organizations providers are only applicable to contracts entered into after a certain date.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 361E, 470Q, and 477W
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-703(c) and 15-127
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 200) of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article---Health---General
Section-19-901(a)-and-(b)
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland
(As-enacted-by-Chapter-----{H.B.-200}-of-the-Acts
of-the-General-Assembly-of-1982)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 19-901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts
of the General Assembly of 1982)

Preamble

The General Assembly acknowledges that there is an ever increasing need for hospice care programs to become a major component of the comprehensive health care program in Maryland. Therefore, the General Assembly declares that there shall be a Hospice Care Program in the State of Maryland.

The term hospice describes a humane approach to care for the terminally ill patient, distinguishing it from traditional health care in the following four ways: