

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-703.

(C) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL OFFER AS AN OPTION TO ALL OF ITS MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS ~~COVERAGE FOR~~ BENEFITS FOR HOSPICE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A HOSPICE CARE FACILITY PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN § 19-901(C) OF THIS TITLE.

19-901.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

~~(b) "Hospice care facility" means a facility that:~~

~~(1) is not part of another facility;~~

~~(2) Under an organized, medically directed, multiple discipline program for meeting the special physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and economic needs of dying individuals and their families, provides palliative and supportive care during the illness and bereavement; and~~

~~(3) Admits at least 2 but not more than 8 individuals who:~~

~~(i) Are unrelated; and~~

~~(ii) Have no reasonable prospect of a cure; and~~

~~(iii) Are expected to die within 6 months.~~

(b) "Hospice" means a facility that:

(1) PROVIDES A HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM; AND

[1] (2) Is separate from any other facility; and

(3) Admits at least 2 but not more than 8 individuals who:

(i) Are unrelated; and

(ii) Have no reasonable prospect of a cure; and

(iii) Are expected to die within 6 months.