

(5) A CONTRACT THAT THE SECRETARY MAKES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE FOR A 1-YEAR PERIOD AND MAY BE RENEWED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 42(a)(1) and (2)(i) and the first, second, and third sentences of (ii).

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the phrase "health care" is substituted for "care", for clarity.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former reference "in the State", which limited the territorial jurisdiction of the Program, is deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(2)(ii) of this section, the former limitation "within the provisions of the budget" is deleted as unnecessary in light of Article 15A, § 14 of the Code, which generally prohibits expenditures in excess of appropriations.

In subsection (b)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section, the references to a "registered nurse who is licensed in this State" are substituted for the ambiguous references to a "licensed registered nurse", for clarity.

In subsection (b)(5) of this section, the reference to a contract "that the Secretary makes under this subsection" is new language added for clarity.

The only other changes are in style.

The fourth sentence of former Article 43, § 42(a)(2)(ii), which required peer committee review of benefits by nurse midwives and certified nurse practitioners, is deleted as duplicative of HO § 7-504, which generally provides for that type of review. As to additional peer review under the Program, see also § 15-106 of this title.

Former Article 43, § 42(a)(6), which enabled the Department to set the form and method of application for reimbursement, is deleted as unnecessary in light of § 15-105 of this title, which generally relates to reimbursement procedures, and, in any event, as unnecessary in light of the power to "contract".

Former Article 43, § 42(b), which related to the