

CHAPTER 242

(Senate Bill 284)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Maryland Health Insurance Plan - Authority

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to alter premium rates based on plan delivery systems; requiring certain carriers to provide certain information to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; prohibiting certain provisions of this Act from taking effect until the receipt of a certain determination; requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to provide a certain notice; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 14-505 and 15-1303

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

14-505.

(a) (1) The Board shall establish a standard benefit package to be offered by the Plan.

(2) The Board may exclude from the benefit package:

(i) a health care service, benefit, coverage, or reimbursement for covered health care services that is required under this article or the Health - General Article to be provided or offered in a health benefit plan that is issued or delivered in the State by a carrier; or

(ii) reimbursement required by statute, by a health benefit plan for a service when that service is performed by a health care provider who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article and whose scope of practice includes that service.

(b) (1) The Board shall establish a premium rate for Plan coverage subject to review and approval by the Commissioner.

(2) The premium rate may vary on the basis of family composition.

(3) If the Board determines that a standard risk rate would create market dislocation, the Board may adjust the premium rate based on member age.