

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

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(GGG) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-417 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

Article - Insurance

15-417.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ~~INSURERS, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ISSUE OR DELIVER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS IN THE STATE;~~

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFITS TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 18 MAY NOT EXCLUDE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR A STUDENT OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO:

(1) IS ENROLLED LESS THAN FULL TIME AS A RESULT OF A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY, AS DETERMINED BY A DISABILITY SERVICES PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT THE STUDENT ATTENDS THAT PREVENTS THE STUDENT FROM MAINTAINING A FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD; AND

(2) IS MAINTAINING A COURSE LOAD OF AT LEAST 7 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER.

(C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY REQUIRE THE INSURED, SUBSCRIBER OR ENROLLEE TO PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF THE DISABILITY FROM A DISABILITY SERVICES PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT THE STUDENT ATTENDS OR A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISABILITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.