

CHAPTER 476

(House Bill 868)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - ~~Assignment, Transfer, or Subcontract~~ Participation of Health Care Provider Contract Providers on Provider Panels - Workers' Compensation Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health insurance carrier from ~~assigning, transferring, or subcontracting a health care provider's contract to an insurer that offers workers' compensation coverage or to the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund; prohibiting a carrier from taking certain actions against a health care provider on the basis that the health care provider refused to agree to an assignment, transfer, or subcontract of the provider's contract to an insurer that offers workers' compensation coverage or to the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund; and generally relating to assigning, transferring, or subcontracting of a~~ that uses a provider panel for health care services from requiring a health care provider, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel for health care services, to also serve on a provider panel for workers' compensation services; prohibiting a carrier from terminating, limiting, or otherwise impairing a contract or agreement with a health care provider or terminating or limiting a health care provider's employment based on the health care provider's election not to serve on a certain provider panel; requiring a carrier to include a certain disclosure in certain contracts or agreements; providing that this Act shall apply in a certain manner; and generally relating to the participation of health care provider contract by a providers on provider panels of health insurance carrier carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-125

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

15-125.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) (i) "Carrier" means:
1. an insurer;
 2. a nonprofit health service plan;