

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 236 of the Acts
of the General Assembly of 1981)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 356 and 360
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 356A
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

WHEREAS, The Insurance Commissioner has been charged with the continuing general duties of licensing, examining, and visiting nonprofit health service plans, and of assuring that such plans are not operated for profit or fraudulently conducted, and of enforcing all of the provisions of the Nonprofit Health Service Plans subtitle of Article 48A; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has determined that effective enforcement of the provisions of the Nonprofit Health Service Plans subtitle requires that the Insurance Commissioner be specifically empowered to adopt reasonable rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the subtitle; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland intends to guarantee that the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland be empowered to adopt rules and regulations; now, therefore,

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354.

(a) Any corporation without capital stock heretofore or hereafter organized for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and operating a nonprofit health service plan whereby hospital, medical, chiropodial, chiropractic, pharmaceutical, dental, psychological or optometric care is provided by a hospital, or hospitals, a physician or physicians, a chiropodist or