

After appointment, the employee is entitled to the same benefits provided to any employee who is subject to the State Merit System.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 726

(Senate Bill 298)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Preferred Provider Policies or
Preferred Provider Contracts

FOR the purpose of permitting the offering and administration of preferred provider health insurance policies or insurance contracts, subject to the approval of the Insurance Commissioner, to providers of health care services; providing for the terms and conditions of preferred provider health insurance policies or insurance contracts; providing that under certain circumstances payment of services rendered by nonpreferred providers may not be less than a certain amount; exempting employee benefit plans regulated by federal law or by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA); and generally relating to preferred provider health insurance policies and insurance contracts.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354CC, 470V, and 477CC
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354CC.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "PREFERRED PROVIDER POLICIES OR PREFERRED PROVIDER CONTRACTS" MEANS INSURANCE POLICIES OR INSURANCE