

coverage from being conditional upon evidence of insurability or waiting periods; requiring continuation coverage to be identical to coverage offered to similarly situated employees who have not been terminated from employment; specifying a time period and procedure for employees to elect continuation coverage; requiring employers to post notice of continuation coverage; requiring the Secretary of Employment and Training to provide notice of continuation coverage to unemployment insurance claimants; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to publish certain notices and supply and prescribe certain forms; specifying the maximum amount which may be required to be paid in order to receive continuation coverage; specifying that the continuation coverage of this Act does not affect or limit conversion rights; requiring the certificates issued under group insurance contracts to specify terms and conditions of the continuation coverage; modifying other provisions regarding continuation of group health benefits; making health maintenance organizations subject to the continuation provisions; limiting the liability of the employer and insurer in certain cases; defining certain terms; and generally relating to group health insurance coverage.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 477K(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354FF, 477GG, and 490G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law
Section 7(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 95A - Unemployment Insurance Law
Section 7(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume)