

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-703(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

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(d) The Commissioner shall establish notification requirements for the insurer to the person whose coverage is being terminated of his right of conversion, and requirements regarding the timely election of the conversion privilege. The requirements for notification shall include, but need not be limited to, a provision in any certificates furnished persons covered under group and blanket health insurance policies setting forth the conditions applicable to election of the conversion privilege. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ARTICLE, CONTINUATION [Continuation] of group coverage at the expense of the insured person may be required for a period not to exceed 6 months.

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EVERY INSURANCE CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER § 490G OF THIS ARTICLE.

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EVERY CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER § 490G OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

(2) "APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS" MEANS THE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF THE INSURED'S EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN FOR CAUSE.

(3) "GROUP CONTRACT" MEANS: