

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any group health contract issued or renewed on or after July 1, 1988.

~~SECTION--2~~ SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 17, 1988.

CHAPTER 289

(House Bill 941)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Coverage for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

FOR the purpose of requiring group health contracts issued on an expense incurred basis to provide certain coverage for the treatment of drug abuse; ~~modifying the duration of coverage for adolescents and minimum amount of coverage required by group health contracts for the treatment of alcoholism and alcohol abuse; modifying the number of alcohol outpatient visits required to be provided in a group health contract;~~ repealing the requirement that nonprofit health service plans offer coverage for the treatment of drug abuse; modifying the type of facility that qualifies for coverage under this Act; providing for the applicability of this Act; defining a term; modifying the amount of coverage required by group health contracts for the treatment of alcoholism and alcohol abuse; and generally relating to health insurance coverage for alcoholism, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 490F
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354R
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)