

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 and Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

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CHAPTER 797

(House Bill 338)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Pharmaceutical Products - Pharmaceutical Services

FOR the purpose of prohibiting any group or individual health insurance policy issued by an insurer or nonprofit health service plan that provides hospital, medical, or surgical benefits and that provides reimbursement for pharmaceutical products from establishing the amount of reimbursement on the basis of the identity, practicing specialty, or occupation of the authorized prescriber; specifying that certain provisions of law do not limit the amount of reimbursement under this Act; prohibiting certain individual or group health insurance policies issued or delivered in the State from imposing a copayment, deductible, or other condition on an insured or certificate holder utilizing the services of a community pharmacy that is not imposed on an insured or certificate holder utilizing the services of a mail order pharmacy under certain circumstances; providing for a certain exception to the Act; and providing for the applicability of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to health insurance reimbursement of pharmaceutical services and products.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
Section 490K  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

490K.