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certain exception to the Act; and providing for the applicability of this Act.

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.

(A) AN INDIVIDUAL POLICY OR CONTRACT OR GROUP POLICY OR CONTRACT ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH PLAN OR INSURANCE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS MAY NOT IMPOSE 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, WHEN SUCH BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED UNDER THE SAME PROGRAM, POLICY, OR CONTRACT.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY POLICY OR CONTRACT ISSUED TO AN EMPLOYER PURSUANT TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any contract or policy issued or renewed on or after July 1, 1989.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

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May 25, 1989

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President: