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2. Certified by the Council on Certification or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists.

(iv) "Nurse midwife" means a registered nurse who is licensed in this State and has been certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives as a nurse midwife.

(v) "Optometrist" has the meaning stated in § 10-101 of the Health Occupations Article.

(2) The Secretary may contract for the provision of care under the Program to eligible Program recipients.

(3) The Secretary may contract with insurance companies or nonprofit health service plans or with individuals, associations, partnerships, incorporated or unincorporated groups of physicians, chiropractors, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, including nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and certified nurse practitioners, opticians, and other health practitioners who are licensed or certified in this State and perform services on the prescription or referral of a physician.

(4) For the purposes of this section, the nurse midwife need not be under the supervision of a physician.

(5) ~~{A} UNLESS SPECIFICALLY TERMINATED BY THE PROGRAM OR BY THE PROVIDER EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A contract that the Secretary makes under this subsection shall INITIALLY be for a 1-year period and may be renewed FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD~~ CONTINUE UNLESS TERMINATED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT BY THE PROGRAM OR BY THE PROVIDER.

15-103.1.

THE PROGRAM SHALL USE ITS LEVERAGE AS A HIGH VOLUME PURCHASER TO PROMOTE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF MARYLAND'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

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~~{A} THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REGULARLY REVIEW THE PROGRAM'S REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THOSE REGULATIONS ARE UNNECESSARILY BURDENSOME ON PROGRAM RECIPIENTS OR PROVIDERS.~~

~~{B} IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION {A} OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM'S REGULATIONS ARE UNNECESSARILY BURDENSOME, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AMEND THE PROGRAM'S REGULATIONS APPROPRIATELY.~~