

~~(V)~~ (III) A REQUEST FOR ENROLLMENT IS MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE'S MARRIAGE OR THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD.

~~(H)~~ (J) (1) "MANDATED BENEFIT" MEANS A STATUTE IN THIS ARTICLE OR IN THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE OF THE CODE THAT WOULD REQUIRE A PARTICULAR HEALTH CARE SERVICE, BENEFIT, COVERAGE, OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED OR OFFERED IN A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A CARRIER.

(2) "MANDATED BENEFIT" INCLUDES A STATUTE THAT WOULD REQUIRE A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT PROVIDES REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THAT PROVIDER A SERVICE TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THAT SERVICE WHEN PERFORMED BY ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO IS LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE AND WHOSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES THAT SERVICE.

(K) "POOL" MEANS THE MARYLAND SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH REINSURANCE POOL ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

~~(H)~~ (L) "PREEXISTING CONDITION" MEANS:

(1) A CONDITION THAT WOULD CAUSE AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE, DIAGNOSIS, CARE, OR TREATMENT; OR

(1) A CONDITION EXISTING DURING A SPECIFIED PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE, DIAGNOSIS, CARE, OR TREATMENT; OR

(2) A CONDITION FOR WHICH MEDICAL ADVICE, DIAGNOSIS, CARE, OR TREATMENT WAS RECOMMENDED OR RECEIVED DURING A SPECIFIED PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS COVERAGE.

~~(K)~~ (M) "PREEXISTING CONDITION PROVISION" MEANS A PROVISION IN A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN THAT DENIES, EXCLUDES, OR LIMITS BENEFITS FOR AN ENROLLEE FOR EXPENSES OR SERVICES RELATED TO A PREEXISTING CONDITION.

(N) "REINSURING CARRIER" MEANS A CARRIER PARTICIPATING IN THE POOL.

(O) "RISK-ASSUMING CARRIER" MEANS A CARRIER NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE POOL.

~~(H)~~ (P) (1) "SMALL EMPLOYER" MEANS ANY PERSON, SOLE PROPRIETOR, FIRM, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN BUSINESS AND, ON AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF ITS WORKING DAYS DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, EMPLOYED AT LEAST TWO BUT NO MORE THAN 50 ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN THE