

CHAPTER 270

(House Bill 509)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - ~~Nutritional Supplements for Phenylketonuria~~ Foods and Food Products for Inherited Metabolic Diseases

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance policies and nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include coverage for certain ~~nutritional supplements~~ foods and food products for the treatment of ~~phenylketonuria~~ certain inherited metabolic diseases under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to mandatory health insurance coverage for ~~nutritional supplements~~ certain foods and food products for phenylketonuria certain inherited metabolic diseases under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354PP, 470FF, and 477PP
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-705.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354PP.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "INHERITED METABOLIC DISEASE" MEANS A DISEASE CAUSED BY AN INHERITED ABNORMALITY OF BODY CHEMISTRY.

(II) "INHERITED METABOLIC DISEASE" INCLUDES A DISEASE FOR WHICH THE STATE SCREENS NEWBORN BABIES.

(3) (I) "LOW PROTEIN MODIFIED FOOD PRODUCT" MEANS A FOOD PRODUCT THAT IS:

1. SPECIALLY FORMULATED TO HAVE LESS THAN 1 GRAM OF PROTEIN PER SERVING; AND