

with the contested case procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act at the request of any party or interested person; altering the definition of an "aggrieved party" for purposes of appealing an adverse decision of the Commission; requiring standards of quality for health maintenance organizations to include provisions for accessibility with reasonable safeguards with respect to geographic locations; requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission to examine certain options related to the location of health care services in certain areas of the State; declaring certain findings and the intent of the General Assembly relating to the development of a strategic plan for the health care delivery system in this State; requiring the Department of Fiscal Services, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to study certain uncompensated care and make certain recommendations by a certain date; ~~authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission, under certain circumstances, to adopt certain regulations to establish a certain method and mechanism for financing the costs of graduate medical education; specifying the use of the funds generated through the method and mechanism adopted by the Commission; requiring the Department of Fiscal Services, in conjunction with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, to study the financing of certain graduate medical education and make certain recommendations by a certain date; providing for the taking effect of certain regulations;~~ requiring freestanding ambulatory care facilities to be licensed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene before operating in the State; establishing certain requirements for licensed freestanding ambulatory care facilities; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Secretary to conduct certain investigations, impose certain penalties, and deny, restrict, suspend, or revoke certain licenses under certain circumstances; repealing certain provisions of law related to the licensing of certain health care facilities; requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; requiring the Commission to evaluate and, under certain circumstances, revise certain regulations; permitting, under certain circumstances, all gynecological care under a health insurance plan to be provided by an in-network obstetrician/gynecologist without first requiring a visit to a primary care provider; requiring certain persons to conduct annual patient surveys; establishing a task force to make a certain study; repealing a certain provision of law that is inconsistent with provisions of law related to the Maryland medical care database; requiring the Health Resources Planning Commission to give certain consideration to a certain certificate of need application; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the termination of a section of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to the licensing of freestanding ambulatory care facilities, hospital-based subacute care units or services, certificate of need applications, gynecological care, and the regulation of health care health care planning, regulation, evaluation, insurance coverage, and provider payments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A — Insurance Code

Section 490Z

Annotated Code of Maryland

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