

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

698.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(g) (1) "Eligible employee" means [, except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,] an employee who works on a full-time basis and has a normal workweek of 30 or more hours [and is not covered under a public or private health insurance plan or other health benefit arrangement].

(2) "Eligible employee" includes [a]:

(I) A sole proprietor, A SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL, a partner of a partnership, AND an independent contractor who is included as an employee under a health benefit plan under this subtitle [, or a medical assistance recipient who works on a full-time basis and has a normal workweek of 30 or more hours]; AND

(II) A SOLE EMPLOYEE OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3), (4), OR (6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WHO HAS A NORMAL WORKWEEK OF 20 OR MORE HOURS AND IS NOT COVERED UNDER A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OR OTHER HEALTH BENEFIT ARRANGEMENT.

(3) "Eligible employee" does not include an individual who works on a temporary or substitute basis or for fewer than 30 hours in a workweek.

(h) (2) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

(i) Accident-only insurance;

(ii) Fixed indemnity insurance;

(iii) Credit health insurance;

(iv) Medicare supplement policies OR CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES (CHAMPUS) SUPPLEMENT POLICIES;

(v) Long-term care insurance;

(vi) Disability income insurance;

(vii) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;

(viii) Workers' compensation or similar insurance;

(ix) Disease-specific insurance;

(x) Automobile medical payment insurance; OR

(xi) Dental insurance; or