

7 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1993. If either of those contingency provisions in Chapter 9 takes effect, Section 4 2 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on those contingency provisions.

SECTION 4. ~~7. 8.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 5 and 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

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CHAPTER 502

(Senate Bill 677)

AN ACT concerning

**Mothers' and Infants' Health Security Act**

FOR the purpose of requiring, with certain exceptions, nonprofit health service plans, hospital or major medical insurance policies, and group or blanket health insurance policies to encourage and assist certain persons to select and contact a primary care provider for an expected newborn prior to the delivery date; requiring certain persons to provide certain insured persons with certain information on postpartum home visits; ~~requiring certain persons to require certain insured persons to select and contact a primary care provider for the newborn prior to discharge of the newborn from the hospital;~~ specifying that the criteria and standards used by private review agents or health maintenance organizations in performing utilization review of certain services ~~to~~ be in accordance with certain medical criteria; providing a certain exception under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the health of mothers and infants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 48A – Insurance Code  
 Section 354KK, 470AA, and 477KK  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to  
 Article – Health – General  
 Section 19–1305.4  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Phenylketonuria (PKU) is a cause of severe mental retardation that can be prevented if diagnosed within the first three weeks after childbirth; and