

circumstances; authorizing new enrollees in a carrier's health benefit plan to remain with a nonparticipating provider for a certain period under certain circumstances; requiring the Insurance Commissioner and, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene Hygiene, to adopt certain regulations; prohibiting a carrier that reimburses a health care practitioner in a certain manner from reimbursing the practitioner in an amount less than the negotiated sum or rate; requiring a health maintenance organization with which an employer, association, or other group arrangement is contracting to offer health insurance benefits or contract with another carrier to offer under certain circumstances a point-of-service option as an additional benefit that an employee or individual may accept or reject; authorizing an employer, association, or other group arrangement to require the employee or individual to pay the difference in the amount of the premium; authorizing a carrier to impose different cost sharing provisions for the point-of-service option under certain circumstances; requiring a carrier with which an employer, association, or other private group arrangement is contracting to offer under certain circumstances a dental point-of-service option as an additional benefit that an employee or individual may accept or reject; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, jointly with certain other persons, to conduct a certain study related to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients and submit a certain report by a certain date; requiring the Governor's Task Force on Community Health Networks to conduct a certain study of health care delivery networks and submit a report on the results of the study on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; requiring the Health Care Access and Cost Commission to implement as an additional benefit certain provisions of this Act for certain employers; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to access to health care in this State.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
 Section ~~361-I and 490BB and 490CC, 490CC, and 490DD~~  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

~~Article 48A - Insurance Code  
 Section 657(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

~~Article 48A - Insurance Code  
 Section 657(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General