

SECTION 3. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Article 48A, §§ 490BB and 490CC of the Code and § 19-710.2 of the Health - General Article are applicable to self-funded plans and federally qualified health maintenance organizations to the extent permitted under federal law.

SECTION 4. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act, the:

(a) The provisions of Article 48A, § 490CC of the Code and § 19-710.2 of the Health - General Article shall apply to contracts issued or renewed on or after ~~October 1, 1995~~ January 1, 1996; and

(b) The provisions of Article 48A, § 490CC of the Code shall apply to contracts issued or renewed on or after July 1, 1996.

SECTION 5. 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January March 1, 1996, the Health Care Access and Cost Commission shall implement as an additional benefit the provisions of § 19-710.2 of the Health - General Article for employers that have at least two, but no more than 50 eligible employees.

SECTION 6. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~Section 2~~ Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1995.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 3. 7. 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except for Section 2 Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July October 1, 1995.

Approved May 25, 1995.

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CHAPTER 605

(Senate Bill 449)

AN ACT concerning

Patient Access Act

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain carriers that use certain panels of providers to provide certain services to enrollees to establish certain criteria and procedures for membership on those panels and maintain the criteria and procedures at a certain~~