

~~(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES, A PRACTITIONER SHALL AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR THE SERVICES OF THE PRACTITIONER.~~

~~(2) THE REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PRACTITIONER UNDER AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.~~

~~(C) A PRACTITIONER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE AGENCY THAT CERTIFIES, LICENSES, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZES THE PRACTITIONER TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.~~

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19-706.

(i) The provisions of Article 48A, [§ 490U] §§ 490U, 490BB, AND 490CC of the Code shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

19-710.2.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "CARRIER" MEANS:

(I) AN INSURER;

(II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(III) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

(IV) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR

(V) ANY OTHER PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION.

(3) "POINT-OF-SERVICE OPTION" MEANS A DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT PERMITS A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTSIDE THE PROVIDER PANEL OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE MEMBER'S OR SUBSCRIBER'S CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(4) "PROVIDER PANEL" MEANS THOSE PROVIDERS WITH WHICH A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS OR SUBSCRIBERS UNDER THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.