

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code

Section 490EE(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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(As enacted by Chapter 604 and Chapter 605 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710.2(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

490CC.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Carrier" means:

1. An insurer;
2. A nonprofit health service plan;
3. A health maintenance organization;
4. A dental plan organization; or

5. Any other person or organization that provides health benefit plans subject to State regulation.

(ii) "Carrier" includes an entity that arranges a provider panel for a carrier.

(5) (i) "Provider panel" means those providers with which a carrier contracts to provide health care services to the carrier's enrollees under the carrier's health benefit plan.

(ii) "Provider panel" does not include an arrangement between a carrier and providers in which any provider may participate solely on the basis of the provider's contracting with the carrier to provide services at a discounted fee-for-service rate.

(b) A carrier that uses a provider panel shall establish procedures for: