

CHAPTER 396

(Senate Bill 433)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Postpartum Mothers and Infants – Hospital Stays and Home Visits

FOR the purpose of requiring health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide inpatient hospitalization coverage for a mother and newborn for a certain minimum length of time under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions; requiring certain home visits under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain actions by health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and private review agents; ~~requiring health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide certain notice to certain individuals~~; requiring certain private review agents and health maintenance organizations to authorize inpatient hospitalization coverage for a mother and newborn for a certain minimum length of time under certain circumstances; requiring health insurers and health maintenance organizations to pay the additional cost of hospitalization for a newborn, under certain circumstances, when a mother is required to remain in the hospital and requests that the newborn remain in the hospital; requiring certain persons to provide certain notice to certain individuals; defining a certain term; *providing for the application of this Act*; and generally relating to the provision of inpatient hospitalization coverage for a mother and newborn.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 354F, 470H, and 477-I

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 490FF

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-703(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-706(i) and 19-1305.4

Annotated Code of Maryland