

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 397

(House Bill 1271)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Mothers and Newborns – Minimum Length of Stay and Utilization Review

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide inpatient hospitalization coverage for a mother and newborn child for a certain minimum length of time under certain circumstances; providing a certain exception; prohibiting a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, private review agent, and health maintenance organization from impairing the participation of certain physicians in providing health care services under certain circumstances; requiring private review agents and health maintenance organizations to authorize a certain minimum length of inpatient hospitalization for a mother and newborn child under certain circumstances; ~~requiring a private review agent or health maintenance organization to provide an appeal of a certain adverse decision on an expedited basis under certain circumstances; specifying the manner of the expedited appeal~~ requiring certain home visits under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; *providing for the application of this Act*; and generally relating to requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide a certain minimum length of inpatient hospitalization for a mother and newborn child and requiring private review agents and health maintenance organizations to authorize a certain minimum length of inpatient hospitalization for a mother and newborn child under certain circumstances.

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)