

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(l) and 19-710(r) and (s)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 577 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

Section 2 and 3

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

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354RR.

A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN MAY NOT BY CONTRACT, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO INDEMNIFY THE PLAN OR HOLD THE PLAN HARMLESS FROM A COVERAGE DECISION OR NEGLIGENT ACT OF THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN.

470HH.

A HOSPITAL OR MAJOR MEDICAL INSURER MAY NOT BY CONTRACT, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO INDEMNIFY THE INSURER OR HOLD THE INSURER HARMLESS FROM A COVERAGE DECISION OR NEGLIGENT ACT OF THE INSURER.

477RR.

A GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURER MAY NOT BY CONTRACT, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER, REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO INDEMNIFY THE INSURER OR HOLD THE INSURER HARMLESS FROM A COVERAGE DECISION OR NEGLIGENT ACT OF THE INSURER.

490DD.

(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.