

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain diabetes equipment, supplies, and outpatient self-management training and educational services under certain circumstances; authorizing an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to impose certain deductibles or coinsurance requirements under certain circumstances; prohibiting an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from reducing or eliminating coverages under their health insurance policies or contracts as a result of this Act; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain diabetes equipment, supplies, and outpatient self-management training and educational services under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-822

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1997)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(n)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

15-822.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR ALL MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY DIABETES EQUIPMENT, DIABETES SUPPLIES, AND DIABETES OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND