

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article - Health - General  
 Section 19-1502(c)(10) and (11)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article - Insurance  
 Section 15-604  
 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 - Insurance  
Section 15-606  
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 repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-1502(c)(12)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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

**Article 48A - Insurance Code**

490S.

(A-1) (1) THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT SPECIFY A PLAN FOR SUBSTANTIAL, AVAILABLE, AND AFFORDABLE COVERAGE THAT SHALL BE OFFERED IN THE NONGROUP MARKET BY A CARRIER THAT QUALIFIES FOR AN APPROVED PURCHASER DIFFERENTIAL UNDER REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION.

(2) IN ESTABLISHING A PLAN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION SHALL JUDGE PREVENTIVE SERVICES, MEDICAL TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND RELATED HEALTH SERVICES BASED ON:

(I) THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF INDIVIDUALS;