

(D) (1) AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN MAY REQUIRE PROOF THAT THE INSURED OR SUBSCRIBER IS A GUARDIAN UNDER COURT OR TESTAMENTARY APPOINTMENT.

(2) IF THE INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN REQUIRES PROOF UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN SHALL PAY THE COST OF THE PROOF.

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(h) The provisions of [Article 48A, §§ 354A(a), 438A, and 490T of the Code] §§ 15-401, 15-402, 15-403, AND 15-403.1 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.

CHAPTER 257

(House Bill 731)

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations - Benefit Packages - Coverage for Certain Transfusions Blood and Blood Products

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ *prohibiting* a health maintenance organization ~~to include in its benefit package of health care services provided to members and subscribers coverage for certain transfusions blood and blood products from excluding payments for certain blood and blood products that otherwise would be covered under the health maintenance organization's benefit package of health care services provided to members and subscribers; and providing for the application of this Act.~~

BY adding to

- Article - Health - General
- Section ~~19-705.6~~ 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: