## 1997 LAWS OF MARYLAND

- (I) A GROUP HEALTH AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PLAN;
- (II) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE BENEFIT PLAN;
- (III) PART A OR PART B OF TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT:
- (IV) TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, OTHER THAN COVERAGE CONSISTING SOLELY OF BENEFITS UNDER SECTION 1928 OF THAT ACT:
  - (V) CHAPTER 55 OF TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE:
- (VI) A MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OR OF A TRIBAL ORGANIZATION;
  - (VII) A STATE HEALTH BENEFITS RISK POOL;
- (VIII) A HEALTH PLAN OFFERED UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP), TITLE 5, CHAPTER 89 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE;
- (IX) A PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN AS DEFINED BY FEDERAL REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT, SECTION 2701(C)(1)(I), AS AMENDED BY P.L. 104–191; OR
- (X) A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN UNDER SECTION 5(E) OF THE PEACE CORPS ACT, 22 U.S.C. 2504(E).
- (2) A PERIOD OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE SHALL NOT BE COUNTED, WITH RESPECT TO ENROLLMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER A GROUP HEALTH PLAN, IF, AFTER SUCH PERIOD AND BEFORE THE ENROLLMENT DATE, THERE WAS A 63-DAY PERIOD DURING ALL OF WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT COVERED UNDER ANY CREDITABLE COVERAGE.
- (G) "EMPLOYER SPONSORED PLAN" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN THAT PROVIDES MEDICAL CARE TO EMPLOYEES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.
  - (H) "ENROLLMENT DATE" MEANS THE DATE ON WHICH:
    - (1) AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLS IN A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN; OR
- (2) THE FIRST DAY OF THE WAITING PERIOD BEFORE WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL MAY ENROLL.
- (I) "GOVERNMENTAL PLAN" MEANS A PLAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(32) OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974 AND ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL PLAN.
  - (J) (1) "HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN" MEANS ANY: