

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "point-of-service option" to specify that it is a delivery system that permits a member or subscriber of a health maintenance organization to receive services outside the health maintenance organization's provider panel for any health care service that is covered under the member's or subscriber's contract with the health maintenance organization.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710.2(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-710.2(b)(1)

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

**Article - Health - General**

19-710.2.

(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.

(3) "Point-of-service option" means a ~~delivery system~~ HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN that permits a member or subscriber of a health maintenance organization to receive [ services] ANY HEALTH CARE SERVICE outside the provider panel of the health maintenance organization THAT IS COVERED under the ~~terms and conditions of~~ the member's or subscriber's contract with the health maintenance organization.

(4) "Provider panel" means those providers with which a health maintenance organization contracts to provide services to the health maintenance organization's members or subscribers under the health maintenance organization's health benefit plan.