

CHAPTER 139

(Senate Bill 67)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Extension of Benefits

FOR the purpose of requiring certain entities to extend certain health insurance benefits under certain circumstances; providing that the requirements do not apply if coverage is terminated ~~due to an individual's failure to pay premiums under certain circumstances~~; prohibiting the charging of a premium when health insurance benefits are extended; ~~defining certain terms~~ providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the extension of health insurance benefits.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(ff)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-829

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(FF) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-829 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

Article - Insurance

15-829.

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) (f) "EXPENSE INCURRED" MEANS THAT BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER A POLICY ARE BASED ON THE MEDICAL EXPENSES OF THE INSURED.~~

~~(H) "EXPENSE INCURRED" INCLUDES A POLICY THAT INCLUDES HOSPITAL INDEMNITY BENEFITS AND EXPENSE INCURRED BENEFITS FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES.~~