

CHAPTER 589**(Senate Bill 641)**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - Carriers and Credentialing Intermediaries - Uniform
Credentialing Form**

FOR the purpose of requiring a carrier or its credentialing intermediary to accept a certain form for certain purposes; requiring a carrier or its credentialing intermediary to make available a certain form to a health care provider that is to be credentialed or recredentialed by that carrier or credentialing intermediary; ~~establishing a task force to select the uniform credentialing form; providing for the membership, responsibilities, and duration of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a certain report by a certain date; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to designate a uniform credentialing form under certain circumstances;~~ requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations and make certain considerations; ~~providing for the termination of a portion of this Act;~~ providing for a delayed effective date; authorizing the Commissioner to impose a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the use of a uniform credentialing form by a health insurance carrier and credentialing intermediaries.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112.1

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 - Insurance

15-112.1.

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

(2) (I) "CARRIER" MEANS:

1. AN INSURER;
2. A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;
3. A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;
4. A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION; OR
5. ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.