

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 253

(Senate Bill 295)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Requirements for Providers to Serve on Provider Panels

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier that offers coverage for health care services through health benefit plans or contracts with providers to offer health care services through provider panels from requiring a provider, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve on another provider panel under certain circumstances; requiring a certain provider to give notice to a certain carrier of the provider's intention to terminate participation on a provider panel; requiring a certain provider to continue to provide health care services to certain individuals for a certain period of time; authorizing a certain carrier to require a provider to serve on a provider panel of a managed care organization under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to requirements for providers to serve on provider panels.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–112(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–112(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article – Insurance

15–112.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Carrier" means:

1. an insurer;