

(4) IF A PROVIDER ELECTS TO TERMINATE PARTICIPATION ON THE PROVIDER PANEL OF A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, THE PROVIDER SHALL:

(I) NOTIFY THE CARRIER AT LEAST 90 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF TERMINATION; AND

(II) FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION, CONTINUE TO FURNISH HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO AN ENROLLEE OF THE CARRIER FOR WHOM THE PROVIDER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PRIOR TO THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION.

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

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 254

(House Bill 559)

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)