

CHAPTER 282

(Senate Bill 516)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - ~~Benefits~~ Coverage for In Vitro Fertilization

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the circumstances under which certain policies, contracts, and certificates that provide pregnancy related benefits may not exclude benefits for certain expenses arising from certain in vitro fertilization procedures; prohibiting the Maryland Health Care Commission from excluding certain coverage for certain in vitro fertilization procedures from the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan under small group market health insurance prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from excluding certain benefits for in vitro fertilization under certain circumstances; providing that the requirement that the patient and the patient's spouse have a history of infertility of a certain duration to be eligible for certain in vitro fertilization health insurance benefits does not apply if the infertility is associated with abnormal male factors contributing to the infertility; requiring that certain benefits be provided to certain extents; decreasing the duration of time for which certain individuals must have a history of infertility in order to be eligible for certain in vitro fertilization health insurance benefits; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit coverage for certain in vitro fertilization benefits; providing for an exclusion from certain required coverage under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage of benefits for in vitro fertilization under health insurance.~~

BY adding to

Article - Health - GeneralSection 19-706(nn)Annotated Code of Maryland(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-810 ~~and 15-1207~~

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: