

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.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-706(nn)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15-810

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 – Health – General**

19-706.

(NN) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-810 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

**Article – Insurance**

15-810.

(a) This section applies to:

(1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

(2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

~~(1) each individual hospital or major medical insurance policy of an insurer that:~~