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CHAPTER 449

(House Bill 1016)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Discrimination - Specified Diseases or Diagnoses

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from making benefits for treatment of a certain disease or diagnosis subject to different copayment amounts, coinsurance, deductibles, or certain maximum limits than those that apply to all other diseases unless otherwise provided by law; and generally relating to discrimination in health insurance by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance
Section 27-913
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to

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

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations may attempt in a discriminatory manner to make benefits for treatment of specified diseases or diagnoses subject to different copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and annual and lifetime maximum limits; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The practice of the Maryland Insurance Administration is not to discriminate against specified diseases or diagnoses under health insurance policies and contracts issued or delivered in the State; and~~

~~WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Act to codify existing practice of the Maryland Insurance Administration regarding discrimination against specified diseases and diagnoses; now, therefore,~~

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