

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-706(rr)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Insurance**

15-837.

(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 OR CONTRACTS 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.

(B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST SCREENING GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO A COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE THAT AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IMPOSES FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES UNDER THE SAME POLICY OR CONTRACT.

(2) THE COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE COPAYMENT OR COINSURANCE REQUIREMENT OR DEDUCTIBLE IMPOSED BY THE ENTITY FOR SIMILAR COVERAGES.

(D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGES THAT ARE GREATER THAN OR MORE FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED OR ENROLLEE THAN THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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19-706.

(RR) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-837 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.