

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to all policies, contracts, and health benefits plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after ~~October 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 128

(House Bill 190)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Colorectal Cancer Screening - Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screening in accordance with certain guidelines; authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to impose certain cost-sharing requirements under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to requiring health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance
Section 15-837
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-706(rr)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume)

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