

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 157

(Senate Bill 511)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Requirements for Providers to Serve on Provider Panels - Dental Plans

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a carrier that offers coverage for dental care services through certain health benefit plans or contracts with dentists to offer dental care services through provider panels from requiring a dentist, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve on another provider panel under certain circumstances; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to requirements for providers of health care services to serve on provider panels.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112(l)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Insurance

15-112.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Carrier" means:

1. an insurer;
2. a nonprofit health service plan;
3. a health maintenance organization;