

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

**Article - Health - General**

19-706.

(y) The provisions of Title 15, Subtitles 10A [and], 10B, 10C, AND 10D of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

(RR) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-1001 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

19-729.

(a) A health maintenance organization may not:

(11) Fail to comply with the provisions of Title 15, Subtitle 10A, 10B, [or] 10C, OR 10D or § 2-112.2 of the Insurance Article; or

**Article - Insurance**

15-10B-03.

(d) (2) (i) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the regulations adopted by the Commissioner shall include a uniform treatment plan form for utilization review of services for the treatment of a mental illness, emotional disorder, or a [drug abuse or alcohol] SUBSTANCE abuse disorder.

15-10B-06.

(e) (1) A private review agent that requires a health care provider to submit a treatment plan in order for the private review agent to conduct utilization review of proposed or delivered services for the treatment of a mental illness, emotional disorder, or a [drug abuse or alcohol] SUBSTANCE abuse disorder:

(i) shall accept the uniform treatment plan form adopted by the Commissioner under § 15-10B-03(d) of this subtitle as a properly submitted treatment plan form; and

(ii) may not impose any requirement to:

1. modify the uniform treatment plan form or its content; or
2. submit additional treatment plan forms.

15-10B-09.1.

A grievance decision shall be made based on the professional judgment of:

(1) (I) a [physician,] PHYSICIAN WHO IS BOARD CERTIFIED OR ELIGIBLE IN THE SAME SPECIALTY AS THE TREATMENT UNDER REVIEW; or

(II) a panel of other appropriate health care service reviewers with at least one physician on the panel who is board certified or eligible in the same specialty as the treatment under review;