

PILOT PROGRAM, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL GIVE A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS' NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND FURTHER ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS.

(2) A PILOT PROGRAM SHALL GIVE ENROLLEES AND EMPLOYERS OF ENROLLEES A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS' NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OR REDUCTION OF ENROLLEE BENEFITS.

(D) (1) ENROLLMENT IN A PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS NOT COVERED BY OTHER REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM OR THE FEDERAL MEDICAID PROGRAM.

(2) (I) PARTICIPATION IN A PILOT PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE NOT OFFERED COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS.

(II) ANY EMPLOYER FOUND FALSIFYING INFORMATION AND DUMPING EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE PILOT PROGRAM PERMANENTLY.

(E) A PILOT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) IS NOT PROVIDING INSURANCE AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND;

(2) IS NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER; AND

(3) SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN UNAUTHORIZED INSURER AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(F) (1) A PILOT PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(II) DATA ON THE NUMBERS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENTS;

(III) A DESCRIPTION OF ENROLLEE SERVICES UTILIZED; AND

(IV) OTHER INFORMATION AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.