

(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.

(c) (1) An entity subject to this section shall provide coverage of habilitative services for children under the age of 19 years and may do so through a managed care system.

(2) (4) An entity subject to this section is not required to provide reimbursement for habilitative services delivered through early intervention or school services.

~~(H) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT REQUIRE A CHILD TO SEEK OR RECEIVE HABILITATIVE SERVICES THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION OR SCHOOL BASED SERVICES.~~

(d) An entity subject to this section shall provide notice annually to its insureds and enrollees about the coverage required under this section.

(E) A DETERMINATION BY AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION DENYING A REQUEST FOR HABILITATIVE SERVICES OR DENYING PAYMENT FOR HABILITATIVE SERVICES ON THE GROUNDS THAT A CONDITION OR DISEASE IS NOT A CONGENITAL OR GENETIC BIRTH DEFECT IS CONSIDERED AN "ADVERSE DECISION" UNDER § 15-10A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans subject to the provisions of this Act shall make the benefits under this Act available on and after its effective date, notwithstanding any statement in the policy, contract, or health benefit plan to the contrary~~ this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 383

(House Bill 697)

AN ACT concerning

Business Occupations and Professions - Certified Interior Designers - Seal

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Certified Interior Designers to deny a certificate to any applicant, reprimand any certificate holder, or suspend or revoke a certificate if the applicant or certificate holder signs or seals certain documents under certain circumstances; requiring certified interior designers to endorse certain interior design documents with a seal, signature, and the date;