

CHAPTER 323

(House Bill 127)

AN ACT concerning

**Nonprofit Health Service Plans and Health Maintenance Organizations -
Underwriting Standards**

FOR the purpose of requiring a nonprofit health service plan and a health maintenance organization to file with the Insurance Commissioner a copy of certain underwriting standards; authorizing a nonprofit health service plan and a health maintenance organization to request a finding by the Commissioner that the underwriting standards filed with the Commissioner be considered confidential commercial information under certain provisions of law; and generally relating to underwriting standards for nonprofit health service plans and health maintenance organizations.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-706(zz)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 27-501(h)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

19-706.

(ZZ) THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-501(H) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

Article - Insurance

27-501.

(h) (1) This subsection applies to insurance underwriting standards for all health, life, disability, property, and casualty coverages provided in the State.

(2) At the request of the Commissioner, each insurer, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION shall file with the Commissioner a copy of its underwriting standards, including any amendments or supplements.