

accounts; repealing a requirement that the Commission adopt certain regulations that specify a modified health benefit plan for medical savings accounts that meet certain federal qualifications; ~~providing that the rate cap on the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan in the small group market does not apply for a certain period of time; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;~~ and generally relating to medical savings accounts ~~and the rate cap~~ in the small group health insurance market.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–103(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 15–1207(a) ~~and (e)~~

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

19–103.

(c) The purpose of the Commission is to:

(1) Develop health care cost containment strategies to help provide access to appropriate quality health care services for all Marylanders, after consulting with the Health Services Cost Review Commission;

(2) Promote the development of a health regulatory system that provides, for all Marylanders, financial and geographic access to quality health care services at a reasonable cost by:

(i) Advocating policies and systems to promote the efficient delivery of and improved access to health care services; and

(ii) Enhancing the strengths of the current health care service delivery and regulatory system;

(3) Facilitate the public disclosure of medical claims data for the development of public policy;

(4) Establish and develop a medical care data base on health care services rendered by health care practitioners;