

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;