

(D) IF A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION FAILS TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY IMPOSE A FINE OF \$500 PER DAY FOR EACH DAY THE VIOLATION CONTINUES.

(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

19-727.

[(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a] A health maintenance organization is not exempted from any State, county, or local taxes solely because of this subtitle.

[(b) (1) Each health maintenance organization that is authorized to operate under this subtitle is exempted from paying the premium tax imposed under Title 6, Subtitle 1 of the Insurance Article.

(2) Premiums received by an insurer under policies that provide health maintenance organization benefits are not subject to the premium tax imposed under Title 6, Subtitle 1 of the Insurance Article to the extent:

(i) Of the amounts actually paid by the insurer to a nonprofit health maintenance organization that operates only as a health maintenance organization; or

(ii) The premiums have been paid by that nonprofit health maintenance organization.]

### Article - Health Occupations

~~1-401.~~

~~(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(2) (i) "Alternative health care system" means a system of health care delivery other than a hospital or related institution.~~

~~(ii) "Alternative health care system" includes:~~

~~1. A health maintenance organization;~~

~~2. A preferred provider organization;~~

~~3. An independent practice association;~~

~~4. A community health center that is a nonprofit, freestanding ambulatory health care provider governed by a voluntary board of directors and that provides primary health care services to the medically indigent;~~

~~5. A freestanding ambulatory care facility as that term is defined in § 10-2B-01 of the Health General Article; or~~

~~6. Any other health care delivery system that utilizes a medical review committee.~~