

~~Article — State Government~~

~~SUBTITLE 3. PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL.~~

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~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.~~

~~(C) "DIVISION" MEANS THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COUNSEL IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.~~

~~(D) (1) "HEALTH INSURER" MEANS AN INSURER THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF HEALTH INSURANCE.~~

~~(2) "HEALTH INSURER" INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OPERATING UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

~~(II) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN OPERATING UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(III) A DENTAL PLAN OPERATING UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.~~

~~(3) "HEALTH INSURER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED BY TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

~~(E) "INSURANCE CONSUMERS" MEANS PERSONS INSURED UNDER POLICIES OR CONTRACTS OF HEALTH INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE, OR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A HEALTH INSURER, LIFE INSURER, OR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURER.~~

~~(F) (1) "INSURER" MEANS AN INSURER OR OTHER ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN THE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN THE STATE UNDER A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER.~~

~~(2) "INSURER" INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) A HEALTH INSURER;~~

~~(II) A LIFE INSURER;~~

~~(III) A PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURER; AND~~

~~(IV) THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND.~~