

CHAPTER 142

(House Bill 519)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Carrier Provider Panels – Nonphysician Specialists

FOR the purpose of requiring a health insurance carrier to establish and implement a certain procedure for requesting a referral to a nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; providing that a certain decision by a health insurance carrier constitutes an adverse decision under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to health insurance carrier provider panels and nonphysician specialists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Insurance
Section 15–830
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Insurance

15–830.

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

(2) "Carrier" means:

(i) an insurer that offers health insurance other than long-term care insurance or disability insurance;

(ii) a nonprofit health service plan;

(iii) a health maintenance organization;

(iv) a dental plan organization; or