

carriers to offer a preferred provider insurance policy that conditions the payment of benefits on the use of preferred providers if the health insurance carrier meets certain requirements; requiring certain insurers and nonprofit health service plans to offer an option to include preferred and nonpreferred providers as an additional benefit under certain circumstances; requiring certain insurers and nonprofit health service plans to provide certain disclosures under certain circumstances; authorizing certain entities to require a certain individual to pay a certain premium under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to a small employer under certain circumstances; requiring a small employer to provide a certain certification under certain circumstances; authorizing a health insurance carrier to offer a certain plan under certain circumstances; requiring certain carriers that use a provider panel and offer a certain preferred provider insurance policy to adhere to certain standards; authorizing a carrier to offer a certain administrative discount to a small employer under certain circumstances; providing for the intent of the General Assembly; authorizing a carrier to offer a certain policy to certain employees; specifying what a certain policy may exclude providing that a limited benefit group health insurance contract may be issued only by an insurer or nonprofit health service plan to an employer to provide health coverage only for certain employees; authorizing certain health insurance carriers to condition the sale of certain contracts on an employer taking certain actions; requiring a carrier certain health insurance carriers to make a certain disclosure under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a certain study and report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authorization of additional health insurance products and discounts.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Health – General
Section 19–706(jjj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section 14–201 through 14–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance
Section ~~14–205, 15–1202, 15–1204, 15–112(b)(1)~~ and 15–1205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)