

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

~~(B) "CARRIER" MEANS:~~

~~(1) AN AUTHORIZED INSURER THAT PROVIDES HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE STATE;~~

~~(2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT IS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE STATE; OR~~

~~(3) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT IS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE STATE.~~

~~(C) "ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE" MEANS ANY EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PART TIME, TEMPORARY, AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES, WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE.~~

~~(D) "GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE" HAS THE MEANING SPECIFIED IN § 15-301 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~15-1702.~~

~~IN ADOPTING THIS SUBTITLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS TO:~~

~~(1) ENCOURAGE CARRIERS TO DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE PRODUCTS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE; AND~~

~~(2) GIVE EMPLOYEES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE.~~

~~15-1703.~~

~~(A) A CARRIER MAY OFFER A POLICY TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES THAT INCLUDES, AT A MINIMUM, PHYSICIAN, HOSPITALIZATION, LABORATORY, X RAY, AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE.~~

~~(B) THE POLICY THAT A CARRIER OFFERS TO AN EMPLOYEE MAY EXCLUDE:~~

~~(1) A HEALTH CARE SERVICE, BENEFIT, COVERAGE, OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR COVERED HEALTH CARE SERVICES THAT IS REQUIRED~~