

~~UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE TO BE PROVIDED OR OFFERED IN A POLICY THAT IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A CARRIER, OR~~

~~(2) REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRED BY STATUTE FOR A SERVICE, WHEN THAT SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT IS LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AND WHOSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES THAT SERVICE, IN A POLICY THAT IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE BY A CARRIER.~~

~~(c) A CARRIER SHALL DISCLOSE IN ITS POLICY DOCUMENTS TO THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE THAT THE POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH COVERAGE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Health Care Commission shall:

(1) conduct a study of the comprehensive standard health benefit plan for the small group health insurance market; and

(2) on or before December 1, 2007, report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on options available, including modifying the comprehensive standard health benefit plan to specify a separate in-network deductible, out-of-network deductible, in-network out-of-pocket maximum, and out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum, to reform the comprehensive standard health benefit plan in a manner that will encourage more employers to enter the small group market.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 244

(House Bill 594)

AN ACT concerning