

Health Insurance - Prohibited Discrimination and Rebates - Incentives for Participation in Wellness Programs and Other Exceptions

FOR the purpose of providing that it is not discrimination or a rebate under certain insurance laws for an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, ~~or~~ health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization to provide reasonable incentives to an individual who is an insured, subscriber, or member for participation in a bona fide wellness program offered by the insurer, nonprofit health service plan, ~~or~~ health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization under certain circumstances; requiring any incentive offered for participation in a bona fide wellness program to be reasonably related to the program; prohibiting the value of the incentive from exceeding a certain limit; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; applying certain exceptions to certain prohibitions against certain discrimination and rebates to health maintenance organizations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to exceptions to prohibitions against discrimination and rebates under insurance laws.

BY adding to
Article - Health - General
Section 19-706(jjj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Insurance
Section 27-210
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 - Health - General

19-706.

(JJJ) THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-210 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

Article - Insurance

27-210.