

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15–112(o)

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

15–112.

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

(2) “Ambulatory surgical facility” has the meaning stated in § 19–3B–01 of the Health – General Article.

(3) (i) “Carrier” means:

- 1. an insurer;
- 2. a nonprofit health service plan;
- 3. a health maintenance organization;
- 4. a dental plan organization; or

5. any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State.

(ii) “Carrier” includes an entity that arranges a provider panel for a carrier.

(4) **“CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARY” MEANS A PERSON TO WHOM A CARRIER HAS DELEGATED CREDENTIALING OR RECREDENTIALING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

(5) “Enrollee” means a person entitled to health care benefits from a carrier.

[5] (6) “Hospital” has the meaning stated in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article.