

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

CHAPTER 629

(House Bill 847)

AN ACT concerning

Discount Medical Plan Organizations and Discount Drug Plan Organizations - Registration and Regulation

FOR the purpose of providing for the regulation by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner of certain discount medical plan organizations and discount drug plan organizations; requiring the registration of certain entities as discount medical plan organizations or discount drug plan organizations; providing for the application and renewal process for registration; authorizing the Commissioner to deny a registration or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a registration under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain actions by a discount medical plan organization and discount drug plan organization; requiring certain disclosures to be made by discount medical plan organizations and discount drug plan organizations; requiring certain reimbursement if membership in a discount medical plan or discount drug plan is canceled under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to adopt regulations that establish standards for determining a certain fee; ~~requiring that certain information appear on certain discount cards~~ each discount medical plan organization and each discount drug plan organization to provide to a plan member a discount card that includes, at a minimum, certain data elements; requiring a discount medical plan organization or discount drug plan organization to reissue a discount card under certain circumstances; authorizing the examination of discount medical plan organizations and discount drug plan organizations under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to take certain actions to enforce certain provisions of law; providing for certain penalties; providing for the payment of the examinations; requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization, or dental plan organization to meet certain requirements; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to discount medical plan organizations and discount drug plan organizations.

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