

CHAPTER 646**(House Bill 1313)**

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Information from and Liability of Health Insurance Carriers

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance carriers to provide certain information in a certain manner to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or are Program recipients; requiring certain health insurance carriers to accept the Program's right of recovery and the assignment of certain rights under certain circumstances; requiring certain health insurance carriers ~~to respond to certain inquiries by the Department under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying certain claims under certain circumstances as a condition of doing business in the State, to comply with the requirements set forth in certain provisions of law;~~ prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying or otherwise affecting a health insurance policy or contract due to the eligibility of an individual for Program benefits or receipt by an individual of benefits under the Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to health insurance and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
 Section 15-144 and 19-706(jjj)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 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**15-144.**

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CARRIER" MEANS:
- (1) A HEALTH INSURER;
 - (2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;