

(ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, a report of an approved accrediting organization used by the Department as meeting the external review requirements under this subtitle shall be made available to the public on request.

(iii) The Department may not disclose and shall treat as confidential all confidential commercial and financial information contained in a report of an approved accrediting organization in accordance with § 10-617(d) of the State Government Article.

(iv) The Department may inspect a facility of a health maintenance organization to:

1. Determine compliance with any quality requirement established under this subtitle;
2. Follow up on a serious problem identified by an approved accrediting organization; or
3. Investigate a complaint.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 117
(House Bill 457)

AN ACT concerning

Health Benefit Plans - Coverage for Prescription Contraceptive Drugs or Devices

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage under certain circumstances for contraceptive drugs ~~or~~ and devices approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as contraceptives; and providing a certain exception; imposing a certain limitation on administration of the coverage; and generally relating to requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices.

BY adding to

Article - Insurance
Section 15-826
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Volume)