

organizations to provide coverage for certain patient ~~costs~~ cost incurred as a result of a treatment being provided or studies being conducted in accordance with a clinical trial and certain patient costs associated with certain drugs and devices under certain circumstances.

BY adding to

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

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 19-706(y)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

15-826.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "COOPERATIVE GROUP" MEANS A FORMAL NETWORK OF FACILITIES THAT COLLABORATE ON RESEARCH PROJECTS AND HAVE AN ESTABLISHED NIH-APPROVED PEER REVIEW PROGRAM OPERATING WITHIN THE GROUP.

(II) "COOPERATIVE GROUP" INCLUDES:

1. THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE CLINICAL COOPERATIVE GROUP;
2. THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY CLINICAL ONCOLOGY PROGRAM;
3. THE AIDS CLINICAL TRIALS GROUP; AND
4. THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH IN AIDS.

(3) "FDA" MEANS THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

(4) "MEMBER" MEANS A POLICYHOLDER, SUBSCRIBER, INSURED, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER OR A COVERED DEPENDENT OF A POLICYHOLDER, SUBSCRIBER, INSURED, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER.