

(5) One representative of the National Institutes of Health;

(6) Four representatives, including two health plan medical directors licensed to practice medicine in this State, of health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations licensed to do business in this State;

(7) One member of the general public; and

(8) The Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

(e) The Workgroup shall select a chairman from among its members.

(f) Staffing for the Workgroup shall be provided by the Maryland Insurance Administration.

(g) The Workgroup shall present a preliminary report on the results of its study, including findings and recommendations, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before July 1, 2000. If the Workgroup requests an additional year to complete its work, the Workgroup shall present a final report on or before July 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all new policies, contracts, or health benefit plans issued or delivered in the State on or after January 1, 1999 and to the renewal of all policies, contracts, or health benefit plans in effect before that date, except that any policy, contract, or health benefit plan in effect before January 1, 1999 shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than January 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1998~~ January 1, 1999.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 119

(House Bill 45)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Medical Clinical Trial - Coverage

FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers ~~and~~, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance 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 under certain circumstances; requiring certain insurers ~~and~~, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the cost of certain drugs and