

devices under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; requiring an entity seeking coverage under this Act to post electronically and keep up-to-date a certain list; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to report certain information to the Insurance Commissioner; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to make a certain summary report; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to create a certain workgroup; requiring the workgroup to undertake a certain study and present a certain report; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to 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 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;