

Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; altering a certain provision of law related to the referral of patients to certain entities for the provision of health care services to include a provider-sponsored organization; defining certain terms; and generally relating to provider-sponsored organizations.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-7A-01 through ~~19-7A-03~~ 19-7A-04, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 7A. Provider-Sponsored Organizations"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 1-302(d)(7) and (8)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 1-302(d)(9)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 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 - Health - General**

**SUBTITLE 7A. PROVIDER-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS.**

19-7A-01.

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

(B) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

~~(C) "HEALTH CARE SERVICES" MEANS SERVICES, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY A PROVIDER.~~

(C) "HEALTH CARE SERVICES" MEANS A HEALTH OR MEDICAL CARE PROCEDURE OR SERVICE RENDERED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT:

(1) PROVIDES TESTING, DIAGNOSIS, OR TREATMENT OF A HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION; OR

(2) DISPENSES DRUGS, MEDICAL DEVICES, MEDICAL APPLIANCES, OR MEDICAL GOODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A HUMAN DISEASE OR DYSFUNCTION.