

CHAPTER 279

(House Bill 580)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Pharmacy and Therapeutics ~~Committee~~ Committees

FOR the purpose of establishing certain requirements for ~~members of~~ a pharmacy and therapeutics committee of a pharmacy benefits manager; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to ensure that its pharmacy and therapeutics committee has certain policies and procedures; requiring a pharmacy benefits manager to disclose information about the composition of its pharmacy and therapeutics committee to a certain person under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring a pharmacist to participate on its pharmacy and therapeutics committee; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt certain regulations; making certain provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to regulation of pharmacy benefits managers.

BY adding to

Article – Insurance

Section 15-1601 and 15-1602 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16.

Pharmacy Benefits Managers”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-706(ppp)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Insurance

SUBTITLE 16. PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS.

~~15-1601.~~

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