

under the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program or are Program recipients; requiring certain health insurance carriers to accept the Program's right of recovery and the assignment to the Program of certain rights under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying or otherwise affecting a health insurance policy or contract due to the eligibility of an individual for Program benefits or receipt by an individual of benefits under the Program; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to certain health insurance policies and contracts; defining a certain term; and generally relating to health insurance carriers and the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General  
 Section 19–706(ppp)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
 Section 2–517  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2004 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 – Health – General**

19–706.

(PPP) THE PROVISIONS OF § 2–517 OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

**Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

2–517.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CARRIER” MEANS:

- (1) A HEALTH INSURER;
- (2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;
- (3) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND