

Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) ~~is and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments,~~ to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

490A.

~~Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy, or contract, or any certificate issued thereunder, of health and/or sickness, and/or accident, and/or disability insurance, delivered within the State, or issued to a group which is incorporated or has a main office located in the State, or covering persons who reside or work within the State, AND WHETHER THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN OR BY ANY OTHER INSURER, THEN whenever such policy, contract or certificate provides for reimbursement for any service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly certified psychologist OR A DULY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, the insured, or any other person covered by the policy, contract or certificate, shall be entitled to reimbursement for such service, whether the service is performed by a doctor of medicine [or] a duly certified psychologist, OR A DULY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, IF, IN THE CASE OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY A DULY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER, THE INSURED, OR ANY PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE, WAS REFERRED TO THE SOCIAL WORKER BY A PHYSICIAN. The provisions of this section shall apply to all such policies, contracts or certificates issued, renewed, modified, altered, amended or reissued [on or after July 1, 1972].~~

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(A) EVERY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY OR INDIVIDUAL POLICY OR CERTIFICATE DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THIS STATE OR ISSUED TO A GROUP WHICH IS INCORPORATED OR HAS A MAIN OFFICE LOCATED IN THIS STATE, OR COVERING PERSONS WHO RESIDE OR WORK WITHIN THIS STATE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A DULY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER SHALL PROVIDE SUCH BENEFIT WHETHER THE SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR BY A DULY LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER WHO HAS HAD AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF CLINICAL TRAINING IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM WITHIN AN ACCREDITED HOSPITAL OR CLINIC OF 3,000 HOURS OF POST-MASTERS SUPERVISED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN A CLINICAL PROGRAM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS IF THE INSURED OR THE PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY WAS REFERRED TO THE SOCIAL WORKER BY A PHYSICIAN.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL SUCH POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED, AMENDED, OR REISSUED ON OR AFTER