

Article 48A - Insurance Code  
 Section 354S, 470N, and 477T, ~~and 490A-3~~  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health  
 Section 42(a) (2) (ii), 294(a) (18), 295(f), and 301A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354S.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS COMPLETED A NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES AND WHO HAS PASSED A BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATION, ~~AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED UNDER THE JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.~~

(B) AFTER JULY 1, 1980, EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER WHO PROPOSES TO ISSUE, RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN MARYLAND SHALL ~~INCLUDE~~ OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER. THE NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER MAY LIMIT THE COVERAGE OFFERED TO FOR THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO WORKS WHILE WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

(C) AFTER JULY 1, 1980, A NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER SHALL RENEW, MODIFY, ALTER, AMEND, OR REISSUE ANY EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TO ~~INCLUDE~~ OFFER THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EXPENSES ARISING FROM CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES RENDERED BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER. THE NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER MAY LIMIT THE COVERAGE OFFERED TO FOR THOSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO WORKS WHILE WORKING DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.

(D) UTILIZATION OF NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES ~~IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES.~~