

(1) ELECTS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS, AND PAYS THE PREMIUMS ESTABLISHED, UNDER THE PLAN; AND

(2) IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE; AND

(3) (I) IS:

1. CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AS UNEMPLOYED WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 20(L) OF ARTICLE 95A; OR AND

2. NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL, MEDICAL OR SURGICAL BENEFITS UNDER ANY GROUP PLAN, OTHER THAN THE PLAN, WHICH IS WRITTEN ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS OR WHICH IS WITH A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

3. NOT ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; OR

(II) IS A QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE OFFERED ENTITLED, BY REASON OF THIS ARTICLE, TO HEALTH COVERAGE UNDER A GROUP CONTRACT BUT FOR THE:

1. NONEXISTENCE OF A GROUP CONTRACT; OR

2. OCCURRENCE OF THE TERMINATION DATE.

(E) "PLAN" MEANS THE MARYLAND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

(F) "QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:

(1) WHO IS DIVORCED OR THE DEPENDENT CHILD OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL;

(2) WHO IS WIDOWED OR THE DEPENDENT CHILD OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL; OR

(3) WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED OR THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL.

(G) "TERMINATION DATE" IS MEANS THE DATE ON WHICH GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE CEASES TO BE AVAILABLE TO A QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY, NOTWITHSTANDING THE QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY'S BENEFICIARY'S CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR SUCH COVERAGE.

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THERE IS A MARYLAND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

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THE PLAN SHALL PROVIDE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, AND SURGICAL BENEFITS TO ANY MEMBER ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS.