

AN ACT concerning

Prepaid-Health-Plans---Regulations Health Insurance
Contracts - Health Maintenance Organizations - Providers

FOR the purpose of requiring all persons who solicit the sale of certain health plans, dental plans, and health maintenance organizations to be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner; providing for the issuance of a certain certificate; requiring certain qualifications for licensing; providing for an exemption from the written examination requirement for certain persons in certain circumstances; requiring certain preferred provider organizations to be registered with submit certain information to the Insurance Commission; providing for an exemption from the written examination requirement for certain persons in certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring certain arrangements, contracts, and agreements to be with the Commissioner; providing for certain filing submission fees and penalties; removing a certain limitation on the investigation costs the Insurance Commissioner may impose on a health maintenance organization; increasing incrementally the amount of stock or surplus that a health maintenance organization is required to have to initially operate a health maintenance organization; making certain organizations mergers or consolidations of a certain health maintenance organization organizations subject to the certain insurance code procedures; establishing procedures for the conversion of nonprofit health maintenance organizations and nonprofit health service plans to for-profit health maintenance organizations and for-profit insurers, respectively; requiring that certain deposits be made and be held in trust by the State Treasurer; providing for a waiver of the deposit requirement; requiring the terms of agreement between a health maintenance organization and providers of health services to contain a certain hold harmless clause; requiring the Office of Licensing and Certification Programs of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to the--State--Finance--Committee certain committees certain regulatory changes; providing for certain technical changes; providing for a delayed effective date under certain circumstances for a certain part of this Act; and generally relating to the operation of prepaid health plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 108, 165, 166(a), 173, 178, and 354(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland