

~~(2)~~ (3) APPLIES FOR THE MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY ~~ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2004~~ DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL IS TERMINATED FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN.

~~(B)~~ (C) A CARRIER THAT ISSUES A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT EXCLUDE OR LIMIT BENEFITS FOR LOSSES INCURRED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE BECAUSE THE LOSSES INVOLVED A PREEXISTING CONDITION.

~~(C)~~ (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION TO EACH AFFECTED CARRIER IN THE STATE.

~~(D)~~ (E) THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN SHALL ISSUE NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION TO EACH INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION ~~(A)(1)~~ (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

15-909.

(b) (3) (i) [If an application for a Medicare supplement policy or certificate is submitted by an individual who is under the age of 65 years, but is eligible for Medicare due to a disability, during the 6-month period following the applicant's enrollment in Part B of Medicare, a carrier shall make available to the applicant both a Medicare supplement policy plan C and a Medicare supplement policy plan I.] A CARRIER SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE BOTH A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLAN C AND A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLAN I TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 65 YEARS BUT IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE DUE TO A DISABILITY, IF AN APPLICATION FOR A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY OR CERTIFICATE IS SUBMITTED:

1. DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD FOLLOWING THE APPLICANT'S ENROLLMENT IN PART B OF MEDICARE; OR

2. FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TERMINATED FROM THE MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AS A RESULT OF ENROLLMENT IN PART B OF MEDICARE, DURING THE 6-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S TERMINATION.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. ~~§~~ Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective through June 30, 2005, and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 11, 2004.