
By: **Delegate Hammen**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nonprofit Health Service Plans and Health Maintenance Organizations -**
3 **Underwriting Standards**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a nonprofit health service plan and a health
5 maintenance organization to file with the Insurance Commissioner a copy of
6 certain underwriting standards; authorizing a nonprofit health service plan and
7 a health maintenance organization to request a finding by the Commissioner
8 that the underwriting standards filed with the Commissioner be considered
9 confidential commercial information under certain provisions of law; and
10 generally relating to underwriting standards for nonprofit health service plans
11 and health maintenance organizations.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 19-706(zz)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Insurance
19 Section 27-501(h)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article - Health - General**

25 19-706.

26 (ZZ) THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-501(H) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO
27 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Article - Insurance

2 27-501.

3 (h) (1) This subsection applies to insurance underwriting standards for all
4 health, life, disability, property, and casualty coverages provided in the State.

5 (2) At the request of the Commissioner, each insurer, NONPROFIT
6 HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION shall file with
7 the Commissioner a copy of its underwriting standards, including any amendments or
8 supplements.

9 (3) The Commissioner may review and examine the underwriting
10 standards to ensure compliance with this article.

11 (4) Each insurer, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, AND HEALTH
12 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION may request a finding by the Commissioner that its
13 underwriting standards filed with the Commissioner be considered confidential
14 commercial information under § 10-617(d) of the State Government Article.

15 (5) The Commissioner shall adopt regulations to carry out this
16 subsection.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2004.