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§19-7A-01.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Commissioner” means the Maryland Insurance Commissioner.
- (c) “Health care services” means a health or medical care procedure or service rendered by a health care provider that:
 - (1) Provides testing, diagnosis, or treatment of a human disease or dysfunction; or
 - (2) Dispenses drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods for the treatment of a human disease or dysfunction.
- (d) “License” includes a certificate of authority, as defined in § 1-101 of the Insurance Article.
- (e) “Provider” means any person, including a physician or hospital, that is licensed or otherwise authorized in this State to provide health care services.
- (f) “Provider-sponsored organization” means an entity that:
 - (1) Is a legal aggregation of providers operating collectively for the purpose of providing health care services to Medicare beneficiaries under the federal Medicare+Choice Program;
 - (2) Acts through a licensed entity, such as a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or sole proprietorship, that has authority over the entity’s activities and responsibility for satisfying the requirements of § 19-7A-02 of this subtitle; and
 - (3) Provides a substantial proportion of the health care services required to be provided under the federal Medicare+Choice Program directly through providers or affiliated groups of providers.

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