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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Certified Nurse Practitioners - Provider Panel Identification**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurance carriers and health maintenance
4 organizations to identify certain certified nurse practitioners on a list that is
5 provided to prospective enrollees and existing enrollees; and generally relating
6 to information provided to insurance enrollees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Insurance
9 Section 15-112(j)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Insurance**

15 15-112.

16 (j) (1) A carrier shall provide to prospective enrollees before enrollment and
17 to existing enrollees at least once a year:

18 (i) a list of providers on the carrier's provider panel; and

19 (ii) information on providers that are no longer accepting new
20 patients.

21 (2) The information provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection
22 shall be updated at least once a year.

23 (3) THE LIST PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION
24 SHALL IDENTIFY EACH CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER WITH WHOM EACH
25 PHYSICIAN ON THE PROVIDER PANEL IS ASSOCIATED THROUGH WRITTEN
26 AGREEMENT.

1 [(3)] (4) A policy, certificate, or other evidence of coverage shall:

2 (i) indicate clearly the office in the Administration that is
3 responsible for receiving and responding to complaints from enrollees about carriers;
4 and

5 (ii) include the telephone number of the office and the procedure for
6 filing a complaint.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2000.