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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Notice of Health Care Providers on Carrier's Provider**
3 **Panel**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the procedures by which a carrier may satisfy the
5 requirement to make available to enrollees and prospective enrollees a list of
6 health care providers on the carrier's provider panel; altering the timing of when
7 the list of providers on the carrier's provider panel must be provided; altering
8 certain information on providers that carriers must provide; and generally
9 relating to notifying enrollees and prospective enrollees of health care providers
10 on carriers' provider panels under health insurance.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article - Insurance
13 Section 15-112(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article - Insurance
18 Section 15-112(j)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Insurance**

24 15-112.

25 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (2) (i) "Carrier" means:

27 1. an insurer;

1 (II) NOTIFYING ENROLLEES AND PROSPECTIVE ENROLLEES ABOUT
2 HOW TO ORDER A PRINTED COPY OF THE LIST OF PROVIDERS ON THE CARRIER'S
3 PROVIDER PANEL; OR

4 (III) PROVIDING A PRINTED COPY OF THE LIST OF PROVIDERS ON
5 THE CARRIER'S PROVIDER PANEL AT THE TIME OF THE ENROLLEE'S INITIAL
6 ENROLLMENT WITH THE CARRIER.

7 (3) A policy, certificate, or other evidence of coverage shall:

8 (i) indicate clearly the office in the Administration that is
9 responsible for receiving and responding to complaints from enrollees about carriers;
10 and

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

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