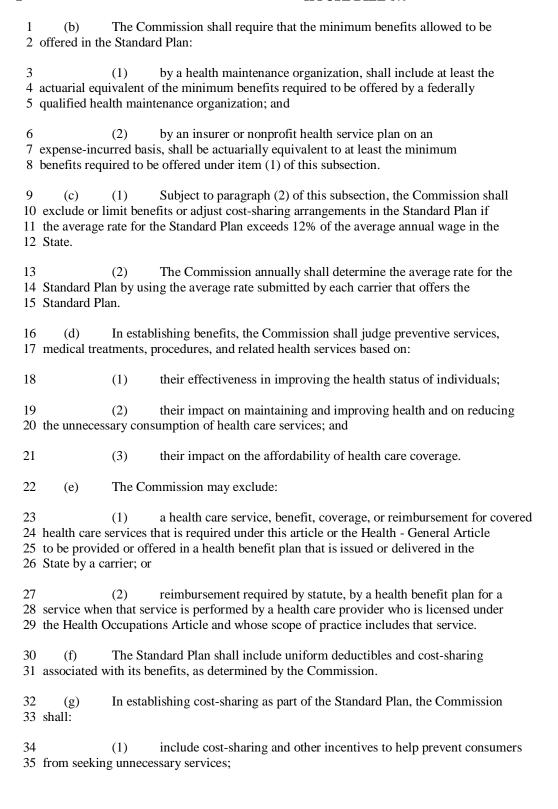
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By: Delegate Mitchell Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2002 Assigned to: Economic Matters A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Health Insurance - Small Group Market - Prescription Drug Coverage 3 FOR the purpose of limiting the amount of coverage for prescription drugs that may be offered in the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan; and generally 4 5 relating to health insurance coverage for the small group market. 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Insurance 7 Section 15-1207 8 Annotated Code of Maryland 9 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement) 10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 11 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 13 **Article - Insurance** 14 15-1207. 15 In accordance with Title 19, Subtitle 1 of the Health - General Article, the (a) Commission shall adopt regulations that specify: 17 (1) the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan to apply under this 18 subtitle; and 19 a modified health benefit plan for medical savings accounts that 20 qualify under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 21 including: 22 (i) a waiver of deductibles as permitted under federal law; 23 (ii) minimum funding standards for medical savings accounts; and 24 authorization for offering the modified plan only by those (iii) 25 persons who offer the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan adopted in 26 accordance with item (1) of this subsection.



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- 1 (2) balance the effect of cost-sharing in reducing premiums and in 2 affecting utilization of appropriate services; and
- 3 4 a year. (3) limit the total cost-sharing that may be incurred by an individual in
- 5 (H) IN ESTABLISHING BENEFITS UNDER THE STANDARD PLAN, ANY 6 COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OFFERED IN THE STANDARD PLAN MAY NOT
- 7 EXCEED \$4,000 PER INDIVIDUAL PER YEAR.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 9 October 1, 2002.