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By: Senator Teitelbaum Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2003 Assigned to: Rules A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 **Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Lists of Providers** 3 FOR the purpose of altering the manner in which health insurance carriers are required to provide to enrollees and prospective enrollees a list of providers on 4 the carrier's provider panel and certain other information about providers; and 5 6 generally relating to information about providers on provider panels of health 7 insurance carriers. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 8 Article - Insurance 10 Section 15-112(a) Annotated Code of Maryland 11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) 12 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Insurance 14 15 Section 15-112(j) Annotated Code of Maryland 16 17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 18 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 20 **Article - Insurance** 21 15-112. 22 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1) "Carrier" means: 23 (2) (i) 24 1. an insurer;

a nonprofit health service plan;

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1			3. a	health maintenance organization;
2			4. a	dental plan organization; or
3 4	subject to regulation	by the Sta		ny other person that provides health benefit plans
5 6	carrier.	(ii)	"Carrier" i	includes an entity that arranges a provider panel for a
7 8	(3) carrier.	"Enrolle	ee" means a	person entitled to health care benefits from a
	(4) practitioners licensed services.			health care practitioner or group of health care vise authorized by law to provide health care
			acting entit	panel" means the providers that contract either y with a carrier to provide health care e carrier's health benefit plan.
	provider may partici services at a discoun		y by contra	panel" does not include an arrangement in which any cting with the carrier to provide health care ate.
18	(j) (1)	A carrie	r shall prov	ride to an enrollee at the time of initial enrollment:
19		(i)	a [printed]	list of providers on the carrier's provider panel; and
20 21	new patients.	(ii)	[printed] i	nformation on providers that are no longer accepting
24		E ENROI	LEE AND	ke available to prospective enrollees and] notify EACH existing enrollee at the time of renewal mation on the Internet [and] OR in printed
26		(i)	a list of pr	oviders on the carrier's provider panel; and
27 28	patients.	(ii)	informatio	on on providers that are no longer accepting new
29 30	(3) (2) of this subsection	(i) shall be		on provided in printed form under paragraphs (1) and least once a year.
	PARAGRAPHS (1) days.	(ii) AND (2)		on provided on the Internet under [paragraph (2)] section shall be updated at least once every 15

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	(4) BE PROVIDED UND ENROLLEES HOW	DER PAR	RIER MAY MAKE AVAILABLE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO CAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY NOTIFYING IAY:
4 5	CARRIER'S PROVII	(I) DER PAN	REQUEST A PRINTED COPY OF THE LIST OF PROVIDERS ON THE NEL FROM THE CARRIER; AND
6 7	INCLUDING INTER	(II) NET AC	ACCESS THE LIST OF PROVIDERS BY OTHER MEANS, CESS.
8	[(4)]	(5)	A policy, certificate, or other evidence of coverage shall:
	responsible for receivand	(i) ving and i	indicate clearly the office in the Administration that is responding to complaints from enrollees about carriers;
12 13	filing a complaint.	(ii)	include the telephone number of the office and the procedure for
14 15	SECTION 2. AN October 1, 2003.	D BE IT	FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect