UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

(E) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY IF AN INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF AT LEAST 25 CERTIFICATE HOLDERS UNDER THE NEW OR REVISED GROUP POLICY CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED.

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[[EVERY INSURER WHO ISSUES OR DELIVERS A GROUP OR BLANKET HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY IN THIS STATE SHALL OFFER BENEFITS FOR PARTIAL PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION IN WHICH THE PATIENT IS LIVING AT HOME PART OF THE TIME AND SPENDING SOME TIME IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM.]]

(A) AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, EVERY INSURER WHICH PROPOSES TO ISSUE A GROUP HOSPITAL POLICY IN MARYLAND SHALL OFFER THE PROPSECTIVE GROUP POLICYHOLDER AT AN APPRORPIATE PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT, IF ANY, THE OPTION OF PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR THE COST OF PSYCHIATRIC CARE THROUGH PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION MEANS A PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE OFFERED IN A HOSPITAL OR IN A PSYCHIATRIC DAY CARE TREATMENT CENTER OR IN A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY PROVIDING MEDICALLY DIRECTED INTENSIVE OR INTERMEDIATE SHORT-TERM PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS BUT MORE THAN 4 HOURS IN A DAY FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL PATIENT.

(C) BENEFITS SHALL PROVIDE FOR PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION TREATMENT DAYS DURING ANY PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

(D) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN BENEFITS PROVIDED BY AN EXISTING GROUP HOSPITAL POLICY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE A POLICY UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

(E) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY IF AN INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF AT LEAST 25 CERTIFICATE HOLDERS UNDER THE NEW OR REVISED GROUP POLICY CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect [[July 1, 1976]] January 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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