(I) persons issuing the insurance contracts; OR

(II) INSUREDS OR PROSPECTIVE INSUREDS OTHER THAN THE INSURANCE PRODUCER.

(2) ["Agent"] "INSURANCE PRODUCER" does not include:

(i) an individual who performs clerical[, stenographic,] or similar office duties while employed by an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER or insurer, including a clerical employee, other than a clerical employee of an insurer, who takes insurance information or receives premiums in the [agent's] INSURANCE PRODUCER'S office, if the employee's compensation does not vary with the number of applications or amount of premiums;

(ii) a regular salaried officer or employee of an insurer who gives help to or for a [qualified agent] LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCER, if the officer or employee is not paid a commission or other compensation that depends directly on the amount of business obtained; or

(iii) if not paid a commission, a person that obtains and forwards information for:

1. group insurance coverage;

2. enrolling individuals under group insurance coverage; [or]

3. issuing certificates under group insurance coverage; OR

4. OTHERWISE ASSISTING IN ADMINISTERING GROUP PLANS.

[(g)] (F) "Appointment" means an agreement between an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER and insurer under which the [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER, for compensation, may SELL, solicit, [procure,] OR negotiate[, or make] policies issued by the insurer.

[(i) "Broker" means a person that, for compensation, solicits, procures, or negotiates insurance contracts or the renewal or continuance of insurance contracts:

(1) for insureds or prospective insureds other than the broker; and

(2) not for an insurer or agent.]

(O) "FUND PRODUCER" MEANS A LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCER, INCLUDING A LICENSED INDEPENDENT INSURANCE PRODUCER, THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AN AUTHORIZATION CODE BY THE MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND.

[(r)] (P) "Independent [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER" means an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER:

(1) that is not owned or controlled by an insurer or group of insurers;