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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Surgery for Temporal Mandibular Joint Disorders -**
3 **Coverage**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
5 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for surgery for temporal
6 mandibular joint disorders; providing for the application of this Act; and
7 generally relating to coverage for surgery for temporal mandibular joint
8 disorders under health insurance.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Health - General
11 Section 19-706(ddd)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Insurance
16 Section 15-841
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 19-706.

23 (DDD) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-841 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO
24 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Article - Insurance

2 15-841.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

4 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
5 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN
6 EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS
7 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

8 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL,
9 MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS
10 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

11 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
12 SURGERY FOR TEMPORAL MANDIBULAR JOINT DISORDERS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
14 health insurance policies and contracts that are issued, delivered, or renewed in the
15 State on or after October 1, 2005.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2005.