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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Health Insurance - Diabetes Equipment, Supplies, and Training - Coverage

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
4 health maintenance organizations provide coverage for certain diabetes equipment,
5 diabetes supplies, and diabetes outpatient self-management training and
6 educational services; requiring that certain diabetes outpatient self-management
7 training and educational services be provided through a program supervised by
8 certain diabetes educators; and generally relating to the provision of coverage for
9 certain diabetes equipment, diabetes supplies, and diabetes outpatient
10 self-management training and educational services.

11 BY adding to

12 Article 48A - Insurance Code
13 Section 490FF
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article - Health - General
18 Section 19-706(d)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

23 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

24 490FF.

25 (A) ANY INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT PROVIDES
26 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS FOR ISSUANCE OR DELIVERY IN THE
27 STATE TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS,
28 INCLUDING A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE
29 FOR ALL MEDICALLY APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY DIABETES EQUIPMENT,
30 DIABETES SUPPLIES, AND DIABETES OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING

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1 AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THAT THE INSURED'S TREATING PHYSICIAN, OR A
2 PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES, CERTIFIES ARE
3 NECESSARY.

4 (B) DIABETES OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND
5 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED THROUGH A PROGRAM SUPERVISED
6 BY A DIABETES EDUCATOR CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD
7 FOR DIABETES EDUCATORS.

8 **Article - Health - General**

9 19-706.

10 (d) (1) The provisions of Article 48A, § 58A of the Code and Article 48A,
11 Subtitles 9A and 11 shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

12 (2) THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 48A, § 490FF OF THE CODE SHALL
13 APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1996.