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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurers and Health Maintenance Organizations - Drug Benefits - Coverage for**
3 **the Nicotine Patch**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers and health maintenance
5 organizations that provide drug coverage to provide coverage of the nicotine patch
6 in a certain manner.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 48A - Insurance Code
9 Section 490FF
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 19-706(i)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 48A - Insurance Code**

20 490FF.

21 EACH CONTRACT OR POLICY OF HEALTH INSURANCE DELIVERED OR ISSUED
22 FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE TO AN EMPLOYER OR INDIVIDUAL ON A GROUP OR
23 INDIVIDUAL BASIS THAT PROVIDES COVERAGES OF DRUGS, INCLUDING A HEALTH
24 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE OF THE NICOTINE
25 PATCH IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS OTHER
26 DRUGS FOR WHICH THE HEALTH INSURER OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE
27 ORGANIZATION PROVIDES COVERAGE.

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1 **Article - Health - General**

2 19-706.

3 (i) The provisions of Article 48A, §§ 490U, 490AA, 490CC,[and] 490DD, AND
4 490FF of the Code shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

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