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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Maintenance Organizations - Benefit Packages - Coverage for Certain**
3 **Transfusions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a health maintenance organization to include in its benefit
5 package of health care services provided to members and subscribers coverage for
6 certain transfusions.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Health - General

9 Section 19-705.6

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 19-705.6.

16 A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL INCLUDE AS PART OF ITS
17 BENEFIT PACKAGE OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS AND
18 SUBSCRIBERS COVERAGE FOR TRANSFUSIONS OF BLOOD PRODUCTS, BOTH
19 DERIVATIVES AND COMPONENTS, THAT ARE NECESSARY AS PART OF A
20 CONTINUING COURSE OF TREATMENT OR MEDICAL THERAPY.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 1997.