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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 ~~Transfusions~~ **Blood and Blood Products**

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~~ blood and blood products.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Health - General

9 Section ~~49-705-6~~ 19-706(n)

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 ~~49-705-6.~~

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 19-706.

22 (N) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15-803 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE SHALL APPLY
23 TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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