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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Habilitative Services - Modification and Clarification**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying certain diseases and conditions that constitute
4 congenital or genetic birth defects in certain circumstances; providing that
5 certain determinations are considered adverse decisions; prohibiting certain
6 insurance carriers from requiring certain children to seek or receive habilitative
7 services in a certain manner; defining a certain term; altering a certain
8 definition; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
9 habilitative services for children.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Insurance
12 Section 15-835
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1997 Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Insurance**

18 15-835.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) (I) "CONGENITAL OR GENETIC BIRTH DEFECT" MEANS A DEFECT
21 EXISTING AT OR FROM BIRTH, INCLUDING A HEREDITARY DEFECT.

22 (II) "CONGENITAL OR GENETIC BIRTH DEFECT" INCLUDES, BUT IS
23 NOT LIMITED TO:

24 1. AUTISM OR AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER;

25 2. CEREBRAL PALSY; OR

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2002.