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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Coverage for Ovarian Cancer Screening**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and
4 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a certain ovarian
5 cancer screening test under certain circumstances; providing for the application
6 of this Act; and generally relating to requiring health insurance coverage for
7 ovarian cancer screening.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 19-706(zz)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Insurance
15 Section 15-841
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Health - General**

21 19-706.

22 (ZZ) THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 15-841 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO
23 HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Article - Insurance

2 15-841.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

4 (1) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT PROVIDE
5 HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN
6 EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS
7 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

8 (2) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE HOSPITAL,
9 MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS
10 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

11 (B) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
12 THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONDUCTING A CA-125 SERUM TUMOR MARKER TEST
13 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCREENING FOR OVARIAN CANCER.

14 (C) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THE BENEFITS
15 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE SAME EXTENT AS FOR ANY OTHER
16 MEDICAL CONDITION UNDER THE ENROLLEE'S OR INSURED'S CONTRACT OR POLICY
17 WITH THE ENTITY.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
19 all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the
20 State on or after October 1, 2003. Any policy, contract, or health benefit plan in effect
21 before October 1, 2003, shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than
22 October 1, 2004.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 2003.