

# SENATE BILL 312

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Habilitative Services – Required Coverage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and  
4 health maintenance organizations to provide coverage of habilitative services  
5 for individuals under a certain age; altering a certain definition; and generally  
6 relating to health insurance coverage of habilitative services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Insurance  
9 Section 15–835  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 15–835.

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

17 (2) (i) “Congenital or genetic birth defect” means a defect existing  
18 at or from birth, including a hereditary defect.

19 (ii) “Congenital or genetic birth defect” includes, but is not  
20 limited to:

21 1. autism or an autism spectrum disorder; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



