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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN	ACT	concerning

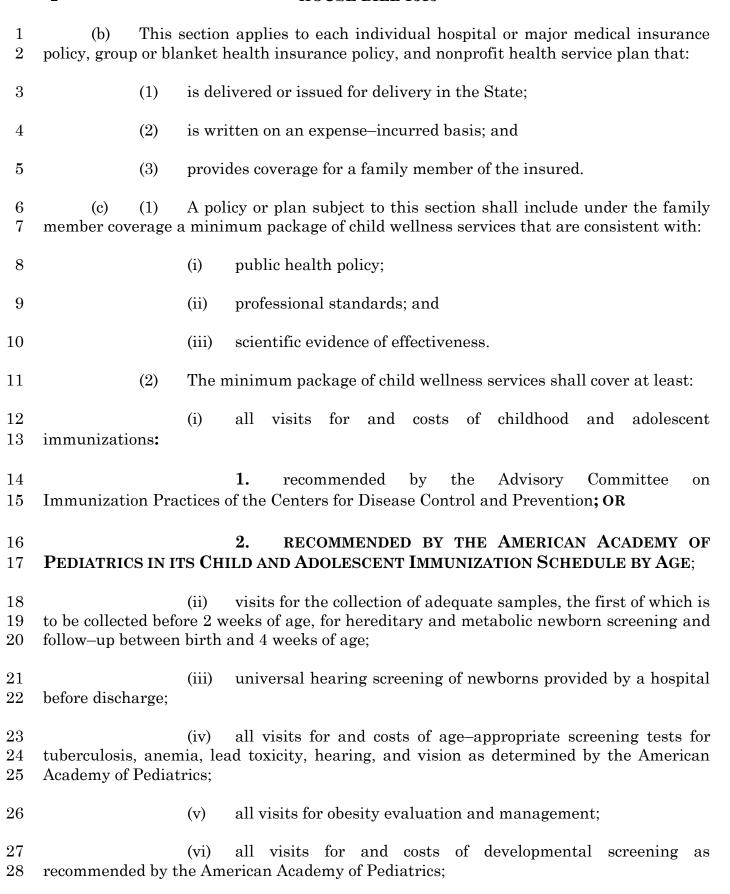
2	Health Insurance -	Coverage for	Child Wellness	Services -	Immunizations
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- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the vaccinations included in the minimum package of child
- wellness services for which certain health insurers and nonprofit health service
- 5 plans are required to provide coverage; and generally relating to health insurance
- 6 coverage for child wellness services.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 8 Article Insurance
- 9 Section 15–817(a), (b), and (f)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Insurance
- 14 Section 15–817(c)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 Article – Insurance

- 20 15-817.
- 21 (a) In this section, "child wellness services" means preventive activities designed
- 22 to protect children from morbidity and mortality and promote child development.





- 1 (vii) a physical examination, developmental assessment, and 2 parental anticipatory guidance services at each of the visits required under items (i), (ii), 3 (iv), (v), and (vi) of this paragraph; and
- 4 (viii) any laboratory tests considered necessary by the physician as 5 indicated by the services provided under items (i), (ii), (iv), (v), (vi), or (vii) of this paragraph.
- 6 (f) (1) A policy or plan subject to this section may not impose a deductible on 7 the coverage required under this section.
- 8 (2) Each health insurance policy and certificate shall contain a notice of the 9 prohibition established by paragraph (1) of this subsection in a form approved by the 10 Commissioner.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2026.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2026.