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Support SB 402 – Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth

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The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) supports Senators Kagan and Lam's SB 402 – Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth

With information technology evolving at a record pace, the healthcare arena is struggling to keep up. As access to care is a major issue in the U.S., the adaptation of Telehealth could be used to reach even the most remote rural areas and busy inner-city neighborhoods where healthcare providers are historically underrepresented.

SB 402 allows providers to use existing, and evolving, technology to increase access to care and has the possibility to increase compliance in those patients who work during regular office hours or live long distances from their providers' offices.

Example: remote monitoring of heart rhythm through Kardia (<https://www.alivecor.com/kardiamobile>) and smartphone technology.

Please contact Dr. Elaine Crain (410-703-0556, TheMAAPC@gmail.com), or Lorraine Diana, our Legislative Chair (301-980-8004), for any information you may need about current Telehealth use in practice or SB 402. MAAPC is represented in Annapolis by John Favazza (jfavazza@maniscanning.com, 410 263-7882).

We ask the Committee for a favorable vote on SB 402,

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