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**TESTIMONY OF
THE
MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION
BEFORE THE
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**SENATE BILL 98 – HEALTH INSURANCE -- TECHNICAL CORRECTION AND REQUIRED
CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL LAW**

POSITION: SUPPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments regarding Senate Bill 98. Senate Bill 98 amends § 15-1208.2 of the Insurance Article to conform to the recent changes in federal regulations promulgated in the 2020 HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters Final Rule.

Specifically, Senate Bill 98 modifies the types of coverage that may satisfy the prior coverage requirement for the permanent move special enrollment period by including the coverage types described in paragraphs (d)(1)(iii) and (iv) of 45 CFR 155.420, such as pregnancy Medicaid, CHIP unborn child, and Medically Needy Medicaid, in addition to minimum essential coverage (MEC) described in 26 CFR 1.5000A-1(b). This clarification is necessary to ensure consistency across special enrollment periods for the types of coverage that qualify an individual for a special enrollment period.

The Maryland Insurance Administration supports Senate Bill 98 and urges the Committee to give Senate Bill 98 a favorable report.