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Testimony In Support of SB 99 - Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit

Cards, and Other Technology - Identification of Regulatory Agency

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Good morning Madam Chair and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My sincerest apologies for the delay in our response and the form of our testimony regarding SB 99, as amended. EPIC Pharmacies strongly <u>SUPPORTS SB 99</u>, as amended.

<u>Senate Bill 99: Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology - Identification of Regulatory Agency</u>, is a departmental bill from the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA). The bill requires insurers, non-profit health service plans and health maintenance organizations (collectively known as carriers), as well as Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), to print on a health insurance benefit card or prescription benefit card the name of the State agency that regulates the policy or contract. A carrier or MCO is not precluded from including any other information on a card. The bill takes effect January 1, 2021.

The implementation of SB 99 will greatly facilitate the processing of adjudicated claims at the retail pharmacy counter.

EPIC Pharmacies respectfully requests a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB 99, as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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