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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Chair
House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 42– Health Services Cost Review Commission - Duties and Reports – Revisions – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 42– Health Services Cost Review Commission - Duties and Reports – Revisions and respectfully requests a favorable report from the Committee.

The Department and our colleagues in the Health Services Cost Review Commission strongly supports SB 42 as amended by the Senate Finance Committee and passed by a vote of 44-1 in the Senate.

Senate Bill 42, as amended with consensus amendments, makes changes to conform current statutory language with the requirements of the new Total Cost of Care Model contract with the federal government. The current statutory authority for the Health Services Cost Review Commission’s duties, including its reports to the Maryland General Assembly, must be updated to reflect the terms of this current all-payer model demonstration.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs Webster Ye at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall
Secretary