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To: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

From: The Office of the Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit

Re: Senate Bill 353 (Health Insurance - Prescription Insulin Drugs - Limits on
Copayment and Coinsurance (Insulin Cost Reduction Act): Support

The Office of the Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit (HEAU) supports Senate Bill 353. The bill would limit the cumulative amount an insured is required to pay in copayments or coinsurance for a 30-day supply of covered prescription insulin drugs to \$30, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered individual's prescriptions. At least 15 other states have enacted similar laws that generally set a cost limit for insulin copays. <https://diatribechange.org/news/insulin-copay-caps-path-affordability>

We note for the record that the bill has been amended to clarify the relationship between the insulin cost cap in this bill with existing protections in Md. Code Ann., Ins. § 15-847.1 for consumers of diabetes prescription drugs.

We ask the committee for a favorable report.

cc: Senator Lam, Sponsor