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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 413 - Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization –

Extension of Provider Fee

Hearing Date: February 10, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association strongly supports *House Bill 413- Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Extension of Provider Fee.* This legislation would ensure Maryland's Reinsurance Program could continue through 2028.

MOTA supports the Reinsurance Program because it has made insurance coverage more affordable for working families under the Exchange. The Program has lowered premiums significantly for individuals on silver level plans. These plans are preferable over bronze plans because the cost-sharing requirements are lower. This means that consumers do not face as many cost barriers in obtaining care.

We ask for a favorable report. This legislation is the most effective strategy at keeping health insurance affordable for working families. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.