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**Statement on House Bill 6- Maryland Medical Assistance Program
Dental Coverage for Adults**

**House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement in regards to House Bill 6- Maryland Medical Assistance Program- Dental Coverage for Adults.

The Maryland Managed Care Organization Association's (MMCOA) nine member Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that serve over 1.5 million Marylanders through the Medicaid HealthChoice program are committed to identifying ways to improve quality and access to care for all Medicaid participants.

Because Maryland's MCOs greatly value dental health as an important component of overall somatic health and well-being, all nine MCOs serving the HealthChoice program provide adult dental services to their members as a voluntary, value-add benefit.

As this bill is considered, we respectfully request that the importance of care coordination, integration of services, and exchange of dental care information be considered and remain a priority in the development of policy.

The MCOs welcome the opportunity to engage in the policy discussions surrounding HB 6 and look forward to continued collaboration with the State as we work to identify ways to improve access to affordable high-quality care for all Medicaid participants.

Please contact Jennifer Briemann, Executive Director of MMCOA, with any questions regarding this testimony at jbriemann@marylandmco.org.