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Support: Health Insurance - Epinephrine Injectors - Limits on Cost Sharing (Epinephrine Cost Reduction Act of 2024)

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Maryland Senate
Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the pediatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) and fellow pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Chesapeake Chapter, I am writing to express our support of **SB 989 Health Insurance - Epinephrine Injectors - Limits on Cost Sharing (Epinephrine Cost Reduction Act of 2024)**.

The goal of this legislation is to ensure that individuals who need life-saving epinephrine have access to it. This bill is similar to the bill passed on limiting costs for insulin. Epinephrine is the only drug that can halt and reverse anaphylaxis – a life threatening reaction to an allergy. Patients with allergies susceptible to anaphylaxis should be prescribed multiple epipens to keep at home, school and work. They are also expected to have two of these at each location. These injectors are very expensive and have a small window of use and generally expire within 12-18 months leading to the patient having to continually replace these epipens. This very costly and limiting cost for patients will allow them to have access to this life saving medication without being priced out of it.

For these reasons the Maryland Chesapeake Chapter of NAPNAP extends their support to **SB 989 Health Insurance - Epinephrine Injectors - Limits on Cost Sharing (Epinephrine Cost Reduction Act of 2024)** and requests a favorable report.

The pediatric advanced practice nurses of your state are grateful to you for your attention to these crucial issues. The members of Chesapeake Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners memberships includes over 200 primary and acute care pediatric nurse practitioners who are committed to improving the health and advocating for Maryland's pediatric patients. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay J. Ward, the Chesapeake Chapter President at 410-507-3642 or MDChesNAPNAPLeg@outlook.com.

Sincerely,

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