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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1337 – *Health Insurance* – *Appeals and Grievances Process* 

- Reporting Requirements

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 1337, as amended by the House of Delegates. As amended, this bill adds two elements to the quarterly reporting required by health insurance carriers for inclusion in the annual appeals and grievances report. The two items are: (1) the number of members entitled to health care benefits under a policy, plan, or certificate issued or delivered in the State by the carrier; and (2) the number of clean claims for reimbursement processed by the carrier.

This bill is a consumer protection bill to add greater transparency as to the activities of regulated insurance carriers in the State, which can help guide future policy. MedChi urges a favorable vote.