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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 1019 – *Health Benefit Plans – Prescription Drugs – Rebates and Calculation of Cost Sharing Requirements*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** Senate Bill 1019. Among other provisions, this bill requires a carrier and a pharmacy benefits manager (PBM) that provides services on behalf of a carrier to base the calculation of an enrollee's contribution toward cost sharing for a prescription drug on the list price of the drug reduced by at least 85% of the reasonable estimated total amount of rebates to be received by the carrier or PBM. The contribution must be calculated at the point of sale.

Ensuring that patients have access to affordable health care is a priority of MedChi. This Session, there have been several bills aimed at reducing costs. Senate Bill 1019 provides one tool in the continuum to ensure that any rebates received by the carrier or PBMs from the manufacturer are passed to patients and are accounted for in their cost sharing, which should translate into immediate financial relief for patients. We urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 1019.

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