



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0939

**Health Insurance-Epinephrine injectors- Limits on Cost Sharing (Epinephrine
Cost Reduction Act of 2024)**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the amount a covered individual is required to pay in copayments, coinsurance and deductibles for a covered prescription epinephrine injector to not more than \$60.

FAVORABLE

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TO: Chair, Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair, Delegate Bonnie Cullison and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee.

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Chair Delegate Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Delegate Cullison and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to give this testimony in support of HB0939.

The Episcopal Church encourages advocacy on health issues. We are charged to act on challenges to health, one of which is exorbitantly high pharmaceutical prices. Epinephrine is vital to saving lives. A person who has severe allergies, suffers an anaphylactic episode and does not have access to life saving medication is wrong. We can and should do better as a society.

We are encountering more and more in our community the dilemma that people have to stay in housing, feed themselves and families and afford medication. We must make this medication affordable so that no one dies due to lack of medication.

The Diocese of Maryland requests a Favorable report