

MARYLAND CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

Testimony on behalf of the Maryland Chiropractic Association House Bill 570--Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate **Support** February 7, 2024 House Health and Government Operations Committee

The Maryland Chiropractic Association (MCA) is a professional organization founded in 1928 and is the leading voice for chiropractors in Maryland. Comprised of individual members, our mission is to elevate the chiropractic profession by educating the public and advancing chiropractic care for the citizens of Maryland. We have weighed in on many issues concerning patient care, insurance and other issues of importance to our members as well as our patients and the general public.

The Maryland Chiropractic Association supports HB 570. Doctors of Chiropractic are proud to serve the citizens of Maryland as participating as well as non-participating providers of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO). Indexing the non-participating reimbursement rate to inflation is sound fiscal policy and will have a positive effect on access to care for those in need of chiropractic services.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill and appreciate Delegate Kipke's leadership on this issue.