



Statement of Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA)

To the Senate Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Pamela Beidle

March 5, 2024

Senate Bill 0990: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the committee, the Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA), is in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 0990: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness

Removing barriers to treating certain mental illnesses or a medication-induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of a severe mental illness will improve the health and well-being of rural Marylanders.

*On behalf of the Maryland Rural Health Association,
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