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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1337 – *Health Insurance – Appeals and Grievances Process – Reporting Requirements and Establishment of Workgroup*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** House Bill 1337, which adds reporting requirements and creates a study of Maryland's appeals and grievances law.

As drafted, the bill includes representations from payors and consumers on the workgroup but does not include physicians or other health care practitioners. Given that physicians and/or health care practitioners actively work with patients in order to request appeals when there has been either an adverse or grievance decision, MedChi respectfully requests to be included in the study.

With that, we urge a favorable report on House Bill 1337.

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