

February 26, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 776 – Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse
Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment – Letter
of Support**

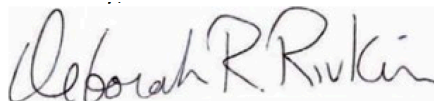
Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) respectfully submits this Letter of Support on Senate Bill 776, “Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System - Establishment.”

SB 776 will establish a workgroup consisting of legislators, key government agencies and stakeholders to study adverse decision reporting requirements for all health payers in Maryland, and to make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions. The workgroup analysis will provide needed transparency into adverse decision making data, allowing a better understanding of recent patterns and trends including the frequency of claim denials, and populations or conditions that may be more vulnerable to adverse decisions. This information will in turn empower policymakers with critical information to develop data-driven policy improvements focused on reducing unnecessary denials and appeals, lowering administrative burdens for both insurers and healthcare providers, and strengthening Maryland’s health care system. HSCRC supports SB 776 as a valuable step toward improving healthcare access, fairness, and efficiency in Maryland.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-991-7422 or deborah.rivkin@maryland.gov, or Jon Kromm, Executive Director, at jon.kromm@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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