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Chair Pamela Beidle  
Senate Finance Committee  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### **SB776/HB995: Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment**

#### **Position: Support**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), representing over 240 podiatrists licensed in Maryland and the practice of podiatry, I write to support SB 776HB 995.

A large number of our members have experienced unjustified adverse decisions by third party payors. These denials are often reversed on appeal. The number of denials is definitely growing, and appeals result in an additional amount of time and expense for providers and their staff, often resulting in a reversal of the denial.

HB 995 will establish a well-representative workgroup to analyze the necessary information and documentation of adverse decisions and make recommendations to reduce the growing number of adverse decisions.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on SB 776/HB 995.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richard Bloch, MPMA Executive Director, at [Richard@SBHPA.com](mailto:Richard@SBHPA.com) or (410) 332-0736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Lowy, D.P.M.".

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