



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill:	House Bill 838 – State Board of Pharmacy- Prescriber Pharmacist Agreements
Hearing Date:	February 25, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Community Health System supports *House Bill 838 – State Board of Pharmacy – Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements*. The legislation authorizes pharmacists to support medication assisted treatment of opioid use disorders within the framework of a prescriber-pharmacist agreement. As a network of federally qualified health centers, our members have been able to utilize prescriber-pharmacist agreements to improve the management of chronic diseases. We ask for a favorable report on this legislation, as substance use disorder should be managed as a chronic disease.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

The Maryland Community Health System supports House Bill 865 - *Health Insurance - Remittance Advice - Interest on Late-Paid Claim*. This bill requires health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and HMOs to separately itemize any interest paid on late health care claims in their remittance advice to providers. The bill builds on existing law that requires insurers to pay monthly interest on “clean claims” not paid within 30 days, ensuring that the interest portion of those payments is clearly identified.

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) support transparent remittance advice that clearly shows interest owed on late-paid claims which helps FQHCs track and reconcile revenue more accurately, which is important for cash-flow stability. FQHCs already face financial pressure from delayed insurer payments and under-reimbursement under from carriers, so being able to see the interest owed separately can reduce administrative burden and financial uncertainty. Clear remittance information can help these safety-net providers negotiate and enforce prompt payment more effectively, strengthening their ability to serve underserved communities

Thank you for consideration of our testimony. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.