



House Health Committee  
February 12, 2026  
House Bill 494 – *Health Insurance – Primary Care Investment Targets –  
Reimbursement and Reporting*  
**POSITION: SUPPORT**

The Maryland Academy of Family Physicians (MDAFP) is the largest professional medical specialty society in Maryland, with nearly 1,400 members who are practicing family physicians, family physicians in training, and medical students. The Academy requests your **support** for House Bill 494.

This legislation is the direct result of prior legislation enacted by the General Assembly. Chapter 667 of 2022 established a Primary Care Investment Workgroup and mandated that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) conduct an annual analysis of primary care and make recommendations on the proper level of primary care investment relative to overall health care spending. The very first recommendation of the Workgroup, made in the fall of 2025, was that the State establish a primary care investment target based on total medical expense that promotes investment in underserved areas. The Workgroup further recommended that the General Assembly enact legislation to hold payers accountable for achieving these targets.

House Bill 494 implements this recommendation by requiring health insurers to demonstrate in rate filings with the Maryland Insurance Administration that they have met the primary care investment target set by the MHCC. MDAFP believes that this is a critical step in ensuring that health care spending is being adequately directed to primary care, which is the only medical specialty in which increased supply results in lower mortality and more equitable health outcomes, according to the Workgroup report.

For these reasons, MDAFP respectfully requests the Committee's support for House Bill 494.

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