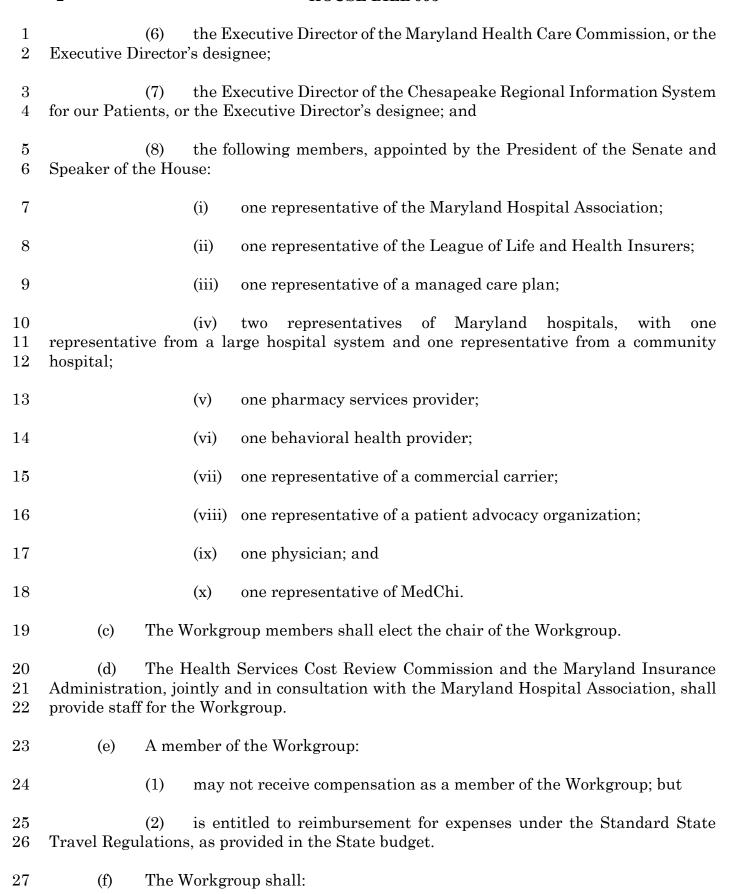
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By: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2025 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions the State Health Care System; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System.
7 8	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That:
9 10	(a) There is a Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the Sta Health Care System.
11	(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:
12 13	(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President the Senate;
14 15	(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
16 17	(3) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner designee;
18 19	(4) the Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Medicaid Program, or the Deput Secretary's designee;
20	(5) the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commissio
21	or the Executive Director's designee;





1 review existing State adverse decision reporting requirements for all (1) 2 health payers in the State and include in its final report: 3 the number of adverse decisions compared to the total number of 4 claims processed each year on average; 5 (ii) the number of enrollees in each health plan offered in the State; 6 the diagnostic and procedure information for each adverse (iii) 7 decision; and 8 (iv) any other data used to inform the Workgroup's goal of reducing 9 adverse decisions: 10 (2)make recommendations to improve State reporting on adverse decisions, including recommendations regarding: 11 12(i) standardized definitions of: 13 1. medical service categories; 2. 14 health settings; 15 3. adverse decisions; and 16 medical necessity; 4. a standardized method for categorizing adverse decisions and 17 (ii) 18 prior authorization denials; and 19 (iii) a standardized process for reporting grievances or filing 20 complaints and appealing adverse decisions; 21develop strategies for, and make recommendations to reduce, the number of adverse decisions; and 22 23develop recommendations for legislation to address the rise in adverse 24decisions and standardize State reporting requirements regarding adverse decisions across 25 all payers. 26 On or before December 1, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and 2728 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government 29 Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June

1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June

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- 1 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
- $2\quad abrogated \ and \ of \ no \ further \ force \ and \ effect.$