

To: Senate Finance Committee

From: Robyn Elliott on Behalf of the Maryland Nurses Association

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**RE:** Senate Bill 99 – Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other

Technology.

The Maryland Nurses Association supports Senate Bill 99 – Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology. The bill requires that the applicable regulatory agency be listed on insurance and prescription cards for state-regulated and Medicaid plans.

The Maryland Nurses Association supports this bill because it helps consumers:

- Determine if their health plan falls under a state agency. If so, the plan must meet state requirements, including state mandated benefits;
- Know which agency to contact if they have questions or concerns. This is a vital piece of information to know up-front.

We support efforts to give consumers the information that they need to navigate health insurance and the health system. We ask for a favorable report on SB 99. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or relliott@policypartners.net.

The Maryland Nurses Association, a constituent member association of the American Nurses Association (ANA), representing Maryland's professional nurses since 1904