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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East - Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 110 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Doulas - Letter of Information

Dear Chair Kelley and committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of information for Senate Bill 110 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Doulas (SB110).

We suggest that the Committee consider questions raised by SB110 concerning:

1. Whether to require doula licensure or certification in Maryland;
2. If doula licensure or certification is required, how should it be implemented;
3. Whether it is appropriate for Medicaid to provide these non-clinical services; and
4. Whether the budget can pay for this new non-clinical benefit.

Additional clarification on these questions would give the Department the necessary operational guidance to implement SB110 should the bill be passed by the General Assembly.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Director of Governmental Affairs, Webster Ye, at (410)-260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall
Secretary