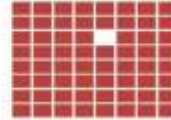




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RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** – Senate Bill 752 – *Public Health – Non-Controlled Substance Prescription Record System Program*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (MDACEP), we submit this letter of **support with amendments** for Senate Bill 752. Senate Bill 752 establishes the NCDS Prescription Record System Program under the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC). The purpose of the Program is to improve patient safety and reduce health care costs by allowing a prescriber and prescriber delegate to access the noncontrolled dangerous substance (NCDS) prescription drug history of a patient, including drugs prescribed by other prescribers. The bill also establishes the NCDS Prescription Record System Program Advisory Committee, with specified membership, to provide clinical and operational recommendations to MHCC.

As stated, MedChi and MDACEP support this bill. However, we would request amendments to ensure that: (1) an emergency medicine physician is added to the Advisory Committee; and 2) the MHCC develops regulations after consultation and review of the recommendations from the Advisory Committee.

On page 8, add the following: “ONE EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN LICENSED AND 24 PRACTICING IN THE STATE, NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND AMERICAN COLLEGE 25 OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS;”.

On page 4, in line 18 and on page 5, in line 13, strike “SHALL” and substitute “SHALL, AFTER CONSULTATION AND REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE”.

With these amendments, we look forward to working with the MHCC and other stakeholders on the development of this Program.