



**House Bill 316 Public Health - Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substances -
Partial Filling of Prescriptions**

**House Health and Government Operations Committee
February 11, 2020**

Position: Support with amendments

Background: This bill authorizes a certain authorized provider to partially fill a prescription for a controlled dangerous substance listed in Schedule II in a quantity less than the prescribed amount on request of the patient.

Comments: The Maryland Chain Drug Store Association is supportive of HB 316 concerning partially filling prescriptions and appreciate the sponsor working with us on an amendment bringing the bill in line with federal law (60 day to 30-day time period for dispensing). However, we would like to draw your attention to issues surrounding fees and copay. The dispensing fee should be applicable every time a portion of the fill takes place. Additionally, requirements should be placed on insurers as pharmacies are not allowed to change or override copays. Our understanding is an amendment will be introduced mandating one copay, but we need to be able to operationalize this in our systems with requirements for insurers and mandating collecting dispensing fees for each fill.

We look forward to working with you on this legislation.