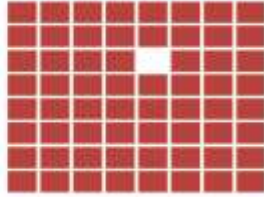


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TO: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
The Honorable Steve Johnson

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DATE: March 2, 2020

RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1050 – *Hospitals – Discharge or Transfer of Patients – Prior Authorization of Prescriptions (The Mae Abraham Act)*

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The Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (MDACEP) which represents the interests of emergency physicians and their patients throughout the State of Maryland **supports with amendment** House Bill 1050. This bill requires a hospital to obtain prior authorization for any prescription given to a patient that may require prior authorization before the patient is discharged or transferred.

MDACEP understands the rationale for House Bill 1050; however, we are concerned that requiring the emergency department (ED) to obtain a prior authorization before discharge or transfer will delay a patient's discharge/transfer and exacerbate the current overcrowding occurring in all EDs across the State, especially if the prior authorization is denied. Therefore, MDACEP respectfully requests that the bill be amended to exempt an ED from the bill's requirement.

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