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> Testimony for the House Health and Government Operations Committee

Senate Bill 99 – Health Insurance Benefit Cards – Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other technology – Identification of Regulatory Agency

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On behalf of the League of Life & Health Insurers we would urge a favorable report with amendment on SB 99.

We are concerned that the simplifying of the terms as identification from the bill as introduced will do nothing to alleviate our concerns around programming changes that would need to take place on beneficiary ID cards. There are a handful of states that use 3-letter abbreviations, and if Maryland would at least align with that formula it would make the necessary programming changes under SB 99 easier, and less costly, for national carriers.

We respectfully request that on page 3 of the bill, on line 18, we would ask that, "MD Insurance Admin" be replaced with, "MIA."

We would also request that on page 3, on lines 21 and 22, that, "MD Health Dept," be replaced with, "MDH."

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on SB 99. Thank you for your consideration.

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