



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: SB 748 - Public Health – State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information

Hearing Date: March 3, 2020

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 748- State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information*. The bill requires the integration of medical records from nursing homes into the state’s Health Information Exchange, also known as CRISP.

Occupational therapy providers play a critical role in supporting patients after discharge from nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. We assist patients in adapting to their home environments and living as independently as possible. With access to medical history information from nursing homes through CRISP, we will be in a better position to enable our patients to stay in their homes and avoid readmissions.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.