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Testimony for the House Health & Government Operations Committee In Support with Amendments of

Senate Bill 84 – Pharmacists – Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications

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The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland Inc. supports with amendments Senate Bill 84 and urges the committee to give the bill an favorable report with conforming amendments to the version (HB 135) that passed the House of Delegates on February 26th.

As this committee is well aware of, discussions on the legislation has occurred over the course of a few years and the result of the negotiation was HB 135. We are supportive of that bill and participated in stakeholder discussions for the last few years. The bill in front of you took that compromise and added to the definition of maintenance injectable medications to include a drug that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine. These drugs are *not* maintenance injectable medications and completely change the scope of the policy. Without amending out the Senate additions we cannot support the bill and would have to respectfully oppose the initiative.

For the above reasons, we urge the committee to conform SB 84 to HB 135 as passed by the House last month.