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**House Bill 709 – Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Drug Reimbursement -
Reporting Requirements**

OPPOSE

**House Health & Government Operations Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to House Bill 709 – Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Drug Reimbursement - Reporting Requirements.

The Maryland Managed Care Organization Association’s (MMCOA) nine member Medicaid MCOs that serve over 1.3 million Marylanders through the Medicaid HealthChoice program are committed to identifying ways to improve quality and access to care for all Medicaid participants.

The reporting of the data specified in the bill includes information from PBMs that contract with managed care organizations (MCOs). While we applaud the bill sponsor’s effort to have the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) collect and examine data in an attempt to identify way to potentially decrease the Medicaid pharmacy spend, the compilation of the data by the MCOs to share with the MIA is redundant, as that information is already collected and shared with the Maryland Department of Health, the MCO’s regulating agency. The administrative burden that the bill’s provisions impose would increase costs to the MCOs, and likely the HealthChoice program. For these reasons, MMCOA respectfully opposes HB 709 and urges an unfavorable report.

The MMCOA looks forward to continued collaboration with the State as we work to identify ways to improve access to affordable high-quality care for all Medicaid participants.

Please contact Jennifer Briemann, Executive Director of MMCOA, with any questions regarding this testimony at jbriemann@marylandmco.org.