

February 22, 2022

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 527 Elderly Individuals - Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day Health
Care Services Pilot Program and Task Force FAVORABLE

Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Jeff Wright and I am the State Director for Sevita. I have 25 years of experience providing Medical Adult Day Services in multiple states.

Sevita is the leading provider of home and community-based specialty health care. We proudly provide services to over 50,000 individuals in 40 states and have over 40,000 employees. Our goal is to enable the individuals we serve to be as independent as possible and to live and thrive in their communities. Our belief is that every individual has the right to live a full, independent life, and the best place to do that is in their home and community.

We are one of the largest providers of traditional adult day health services nationally. We operate 42 Medical Adult Day programs in 5 states, serving 5000 individuals. Sevita has been operating Medical Adult Day programs in Maryland since 2016. Currently, we have 7 centers and provide services to approximately 800 individuals here in Maryland.

Sevita is constantly looking for ways to improve services and outcomes for the individuals we serve. We know the ongoing pandemic has altered how this population wants to access our services but their demand for these services has not waned. The Pilot Program will look to leverage Medical Adult Day centers, home health visits and virtual visits to deliver comprehensive care tailored to the individual. The goal is to create a higher touch, patient driven, care model which will improve clinical and social determinants of health outcomes, defragment care and drive down costs.

We respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 527.

Sincerely,



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