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Committee: House Health and Government Operations
Bill Number: House Bill 534
Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring
Hearing Date: February 9, 2022
Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 534 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Self-Measure Blood Pressure*. The bill requires Medicaid reimbursement for both equipment and clinical follow-up for self-measure blood pressure.

Many of our patients are home-bound or have difficulty traveling to medical appointments because of disabilities, injuries, or acute medical conditions. Their health care providers utilize telehealth to help manage their care while they remain at home. However, it is difficult to manage hypertension without self-monitoring blood pressure equipment. This legislation will help ensure Medicaid participants have access to such equipment and that their providers have the resources for appropriate following. If Maryland can reduce the rates of hypertension, we can prevent heart attacks, strokes, and other acute cardiovascular diseases.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.