



TESTIMONY FOR HB1397

Health Insurance - Prescription Insulin Drugs - Limits on Copayment and Coinsurance (Insulin Cost Reduction Act)

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Committee: Health and Government Operations

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1397 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill will limit the amount that a resident of Maryland would pay in copays or coinsurance for Insulin to not more than \$30/day for a 30-day supply. Needless to say, Insulin is not the only drug that pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies gouge Maryland residents for, but it is deadly for those individuals who rely on it to have to go without. So many Marylanders cannot afford prescription drugs due to our fragmented and profit-oriented health system. At the very least, we should try to protect those who rely on this life-saving drug.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.