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<u>In Support of HB 534 / SB 244</u>: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

Members of the Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 members and fully support exempting medical devices like blood pressure monitors included in medical assistance programs HB 534.

This bill would be a huge help to aging individuals and many families that need the most help during these extremely trying times. Especially those that suffer from chronic health conditions that these devices aid patients monitoring their health at home, as part of their health maintenance plans. That extra savings can make a positive impact on many Maryland individuals and many families, who might otherwise go without these necessary devices.

So many families and elderly are still hurting financially from the past 2 years of health and economic hardships, we all can use a helping hand during these trying times. We hope that the MGA will also work on other constructive ways of supporting working families and elderly populations moving forward. This one is many steps needed to support our varied communities of PAC members.

The future of Maryland's economy lies with its families that we need to be supporting now and into the future. Let's support them now when they need it the most.

Please support House Bill 534 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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