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The Honorable Melony Griffith Chair, Senate Finance Committee 3 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Senate Bill 678 - Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Services Rendered by a Pharmacist

Dear Chairman Griffith.

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. (The League) was formed in 1989 to serve the life and health insurers in Maryland in meeting their legislative and regulatory needs. For almost 30 years, The League serves as the trade association for the life and health insurance industry before the Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and other state regulatory agencies on insurance.

The League is supportive of increasing access to important health care services to all Marylanders. We respectfully request amendments to Senate Bill 678 to delay the implementation of the bill to July 1, 2024 in order for carriers to implement the needed systems changes for reimbursement, credentialing, and networking.

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give Senate Bill 678 a favorable report with the above amendment.

Very truly yours,

Matthew Celentano Executive Director

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee