



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 202 - Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits

Hearing Date: March 23, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 202 – Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits*. The bill reinstates provisions of law regarding the authority of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board (PDAB) to set upper payment limits and related requirements, including an appeals process.

MNA supports the work of PDAB as they evaluate policies to identify and address affordability challenges for generic drugs with high prices or high price increases; explore opportunities to collect data to better understand and address specified issues; evaluate waste-free formularies as a policy to promote savings through generic drugs; explore policies to address drug shortages in Maryland; and explore partnerships and policies to support a safe and robust supply chain for generic drugs in Maryland. The costs of drugs have increased exponentially in the last few years and have become out of reach and unaffordable to the average patient and therefore the work of PDAB must continue.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.