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HB 583: Health Insurance– Podiatrists- Reimbursement for Infusion of Medication Position: Support with Amendments

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the HGO Committee:

The Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) represents the podiatry profession in Maryland. MPMA asks the committee to vote in favor of HB 583 with the sponsor amendments to broaden the bill beyond podiatry infusion medications.

This bill would provide for the proper reimbursement to providers for the costs of infusion medication, as the acquisition costs to providers is commonly revised on the first day of each calendar quarter (January, April, July and October). Some insurance companies, specifically CareFirst, adjust their reimbursement rates on the second month of each regular calendar quarter (February, May, August and November), thereby delaying the increased reimbursement rate to cover the increased cost. This process imposes the increased cost solely on the provider for the first 30 days of each quarter. This bill, as amended, would require all insurance companies to use the regular calendar quarter to make the adjustment in these reimbursement rates.

This bill provides uniformity for all insurance companies in the calculation of reimbursements for infusion medications. Therefore, MPMA urges you to vote in favor of HB 583 with the amendments to include all providers.

Please let us know if there is anything MPMA or its members can provide to assist in the passage of this bill. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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President