



## **Senate Bill 705 – Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act)**

### **SUPPORT**

**Senate Finance Committee**

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The Maryland Managed Care Organization Association (MMCOA) is grateful for the opportunity to submit these comments in support of Senate Bill 705 – Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act).

Senate Bill 705 would create an opportunity for qualified residents to purchase individual qualified health plans through the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange. Qualified residents would not be eligible for federal tax credits or Medicare or Medicaid programs.

This bill would create a pathway for qualified residents to purchase unsubsidized coverage. MMCOA supports efforts to increase access to health care throughout the State.

This bill helps achieve those objectives by creating more options for people to have clinical relationships and preventive care.

MMCOA supports the passage of Senate Bill 705.

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