



## **MARYLAND PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

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### **BILL: SB 614: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance- Coverage for Prostheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)**

#### **POSITION: Support**

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

On behalf of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), representing over 260 of the approximately 440 podiatrists licensed in Maryland and the practice of podiatry, I write to support SB 614.

We appreciate the stakeholders and sponsors for introducing this legislation and for working with us to consider amendments. In compromise with the insurers, language providing coverage of orthoses was removed and language requiring a report was added. We support this bill and appreciate the new reporting requirement to look at the utilization of "L" codes and related codes in the All-Payer Claims Database and the evaluation of cost impact for requiring coverage of orthoses, including medically necessary activity-specific orthoses, by Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance plans.

For these reasons, we support SB 614 and urge a favorable report on the bill as amended.

Sincerely,

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