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Senate Bill 921 – *Health Insurance – Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols – Drugs to Treat Associated Conditions of Advanced Metastatic Cancer*

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports Senate Bill 921.

This bill exempts from step therapy protocols a prescription drug that is used to treat a symptom of or a side effect from the treatment of the insurer's treatment of Stage Four advanced metastatic cancer. Maryland already exempts from step therapy the treatment of advanced metastatic breast cancer. Therefore, exempting prescription drugs that treat a symptom or a side effect is a common sense extension of this existing protection and one that should be easily implemented by insurers given the primary diagnosis of Stage Four advanced metastatic cancer. As such, MedChi requests a favorable report.

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