



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill Number:	Senate Bill 476
Title:	Health Insurance - Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost-Sharing
Hearing Date:	February 12, 2025
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 476 – Health Insurance - Genetic Testing and Cancer Imaging - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost-Sharing*. The bill will require insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for genetic testing to identify whether individuals who may have an increased risk of developing cancer if the testing is recommended by a health care professional and consistent with evidence-based, clinical practice guidelines. If the testing shows an increased risk, follow-up evidence-based cancer imaging is required.

Genetic testing is a successful means of early cancer detection, but it is often cost prohibitive for a patient because most insurance policies will not cover it. MOTA supports this bill because early detection is key, and this bill will make it more affordable for people to receive this potentially life-saving genetic testing.

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