



15 School Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-269-1554

February 26, 2025

The Honorable Pam Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Senate Bill 773 – Health Benefit Plans – Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements

Dear Chair Beidle,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. respectfully requests a favorable with amendments report on *Senate Bill 773 – Health Benefit Plans – Calculation of Cost Sharing Contribution – Requirements*.

As the committee is aware, carriers and advocates spent a lot of time on the basis of this legislation during the 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session. House Bill 879 passed that chamber and was in possession of the Senate Finance Committee at the end of Session.

That bill would have, when calculating an insured's or enrollee's contribution to the insured's or enrollee's coinsurance, copayment, deductible, or out-of-pocket maximum, required a carrier to include any discount, financial assistant payment, product voucher, or other out-of-pocket expense made by or on behalf of the insured or enrollee for a prescription drug that: (1) is covered under the insured's or enrollee's health benefit plan; and (2) does not have an AB-rated generic equivalent or an interchangeable biological product preferred under the health benefit plan's formulary or, if there is such an alternative, the insured or enrollee has obtained access to a brand drug through a prior authorization, step therapy protocol, or exception or appeal process of the carrier. This bill from last Session has been reintroduced as House Bill 1246.

We suggest moving forward with Senate Bill 773, but amending the initiative to mirror House Bill 1246 as introduced. For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give Senate Bill 773 a favorable with amendments report.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Celentano", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew Celentano
Executive Director

cc: Members, Senate Finance Committee