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March 14, 2025

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melynk Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee 240 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

## RE: Senate Bill 94 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring - Letter of Support as Amended

Dear Chair Peña-Melynk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for Senate Bill (SB) 94 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Health Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring.

As amended, SB 94 requires the Department to provide coverage for validated self-measured blood pressure monitors for use at home by participants who are pregnant or postpartum; or who have been diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, diabetes, heart disease, or cardiometabolic disease. The Department must also reimburse providers and other staff for patient training, readings and monitoring, and certain other activities beginning July 1, 2026.

The Department supports this bill as amended and remains committed to providing care to participants who are pregnant or have been diagnosed with chronic conditions.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at <u>sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov</u>

Sincerely,

Ryan B. Moran, DrPH, MHSA Acting Secretary