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House Bill 743 – *Public Health – Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs – Establishment*

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports House Bill 743, which establishes the Health Care Quality Fund for Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs within the Maryland Department of Health.

This legislation takes an important step toward strengthening behavioral health services by ensuring that civil penalties collected from behavioral health programs are reinvested directly into initiatives that improve the quality of care. By funding training, grants, and demonstration projects, this bill will help enhance services for patients while supporting providers who deliver critical mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Additionally, House Bill 743 guarantees that these funds supplement rather than replace existing funding, reinforcing Maryland's long-term commitment to accessible, high-quality behavioral health care. For these reasons, MedChi urges a favorable report on House Bill 743.

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