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House Bill 1292 – *Health Insurance – Provider Directory – Required Updates*  
**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT**

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, supports with amendment House Bill 1292. This bill replaces the term “network directory” with the term “provider directory” to conform with the federal No Surprises Act (NSA). The bill also alters the period by which a carrier must update the online provider directory after notification from a participating provider of a change in the applicable information from 15 working days to two working days. It is our understanding that the sponsor will offer an amendment to remove the 90-day provision due to a conflict with existing law and to add the need to check health benefit plans rather than just the carrier’s network, which MedChi supports.

Consumers are strongly encouraged to check to ensure that their health care practitioners are in-network, especially when changing carriers or health benefit plans. While we recognize that directories are fluid, the more up to date the information can be on the carrier’s website, the better informed a consumer can be when choosing a carrier or a plan or locating a health care practitioner in-network. For these reasons, we support House Bill 1292.

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