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

RE: HB 1314 - Health Care – Prior Authorizations – Prohibiting Fees and Use of Artificial Intelligence – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of Support for HB 1314 – Health Care – Prior Authorizations – Prohibiting Fees and Use of Artificial Intelligence.

The Board supports prohibiting health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and other health benefit entities from using artificial intelligence to deny prior authorization requests automatically. Additionally, the Board advocates for prohibiting these entities from charging fees for prior authorization requests.

For the above stated reasons, the Board respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1314.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at (410) 764-4718 or laurie.kendall-ellis@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

The opinion of the Board expressed in this letter does not necessarily reflect that of the Department of Health or the Administration.