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Chair Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
House Health and Government Affairs Committee
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

HB1086: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage for Anesthesia – Prohibiting Time Limitations

Position: Support

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), representing over 240 podiatrists licensed in Maryland and the practice of podiatry, I write to support HB 1086.

This bill requires the coverage of anesthesia without regard to time constraints that have been imposed and have no relevance to the services provided. Procedures can often take longer than expected for various reasons and limiting the coverage for anesthesia simply puts an arbitrary financial burden on the patient. HB1086 eliminates that limitation.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on HB 1086.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richard Bloch, MPMA Executive Director, at Richard@SBHPA.com or (410) 332-0736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Lowy, D.P.M.".

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