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

HB995: Workgroup to Study the Rise in Adverse Decisions in the State Health Care System – Establishment

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 995.

A large number of our members have experienced unjustified adverse decisions by third party payors. These denials are often reversed on appeal. The number of denials is definitely growing, and appeals result in an additional amount of time and expense for providers and their staff, often resulting in a reversal of the denial.

HB 995 will establish a well-representative workgroup to analyze the necessary information and documentation of adverse decisions and make recommendations to reduce the growing number of adverse decisions.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote on HB 995.

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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