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March 6, 2025

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

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is writing with regard to the amendments proposed for House Bill (HB) 1376 – Maryland Department of Health – Provision of Health Care Services – Study.

HB 1376 requires the Maryland Department of Health (the Department) to amend its existing vehicle to conduct a study on the provision of health care services in the State. The bill also requires the Department to report by January 1, 2026 to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committees on the results of the study.

The Department thanks the chair for introducing the bill to include these new requirements. As specified by the bill, the Department will conduct:

- A comprehensive review of gaps in coverage that impact the State's ability to provide all Marylanders with timely access to high-quality affordable health care;
- A review of strategies implemented in other states to ensure universal access to health care, including coverage expansions, cost containment and affordability efforts, provider reimbursement policies and data and reporting to monitor health care delivery system performance; and
- Recommendations for strategies the State should consider to ensure coverage and timely access to high quality, affordable health care for all Marylanders.

The Department affirms its commitment to complete the required study within the January 1, 2026 timeframe.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at [sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov](mailto:sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov) or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan B. Moran".

Ryan B. Moran, Dr.P.H.  
Deputy Secretary