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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building.
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 276 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses *(So Every Body Can Move Act)* - Letter of Information

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health ("The Department") respectfully submits this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 276 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage for Orthoses and Prostheses *(So Every Body Can Move Act)*. The Department covers the services required by the legislation and no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Effective January 1, 2027, SB 276 requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medical Assistance) and managed care organizations (MCOs) to once annually cover orthoses, its components, repairs, and replacements under certain conditions; cover all medically necessary orthoses and components to complete activities of daily living, essential job activities and physical activities for to maximize enrollee's whole-body health and limb function. Furthermore, SB 276 requires Medical Assistance to cover orthoses replacements regardless of continuous use or useful life restrictions if a healthcare provider deems replacement of orthoses or its components which are less than one year old, necessary due to physiological changes of the patient, or irreparable change in the condition of the orthoses or its components unless necessitated by misuse.

The Department notes these services are already covered by Maryland Medicaid. Following completion of a legislatively required report in December 2024,[1] MDH engaged with stakeholders and clinicians to identify a list of 132 "L" codes for custom orthoses used in physical activities to maintain whole-body health. Effective January 1, 2026, MDH updated its Disposable Medical Supplies (DMS)/ Durable Medical Equipment Prostheses and Orthoses Fee Schedule to reflect the expanded Medical Assistance coverage of both orthotic and prosthetic

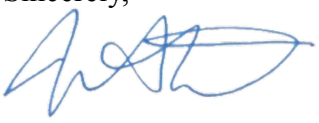
[1]The report submitted by MDH, MHCC, and MIA addressed the cost estimated for Medical Assistance and commercial payers to expand coverage of orthoses for whole-body health, as required by Senate Bill (SB) 614, *Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medical Assistance) and Health Insurance - Coverage for Prostheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)* (Chs. 822 and 823 of the 2024 Acts). A copy of the report can be found here, https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/JCRs/2025/homehealthproviderdirectoryJCRfinal12-25%20final.pdf

"L" codes for the purposes of whole-body health and limb function.[2] While SB 276 does not expand coverage under Medicaid, revisions to regulations may be needed to bring definitions into alignment with the proposed statutory language if the bill is passed.

The bill further requires MCOs to report on their compliance with the §15–820 of the Insurance Article for calendar years 2027 through 2030. MDH and Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) are required to jointly submit a joint report to the Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 31, 2032.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Meghan Lynch, Director of Government Affairs at meghan.lynch@maryland.gov

Sincerely,



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[2] See orthoses section for more information, https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/communitysupport/Approved%20Items%20Lists/2025/DME%20DMS%20Fee%20Sch%201.1.26%20F.pdf