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*House Bill 1365 – Health Occupations, Public Health, and Insurance – Menopause –  
Provider Training Coverage Requirements, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care*

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

On behalf of The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and the Maryland Section of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (MD ACOG), we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 1365.

This legislation would require health occupations boards, which license providers who evaluate and manage patients with menopause and menopause-associated symptoms, to grant double credit for continuing education credits taken in this subject matter. Though MedChi and MD ACOG are often reluctant to endorse legislation that focuses continuing medical education (CME) on certain conditions, rather than allowing physicians to tailor their CME to their own practice, there is anecdotal evidence that menopause-related conditions are not always recognized and treated correctly. Bringing attention to this condition and its treatment is one reason they support House Bill 1365.

The other reason they support the legislation is the new approach it takes to CME-related legislation. In the past, legislation of this nature has mandated that all or certain providers take CME in a particular subject, essentially using a “stick” approach. House Bill 1365 instead offers a “carrot” by awarding two hours of credit for each hour of CME completed in a program identified by the Health Department. MedChi and MD ACOG believe that incentivizing CME in this way is a far-preferable approach and will produce better outcomes.

For these reasons, MedChi and MD ACOG support House Bill 1365.

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