



Senate Finance Committee

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Senate Bill 808 – *Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Requirements*

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Academy of Family Physicians (MDAFP) is the largest professional medical specialty society in Maryland, with nearly 1,400 members who are practicing family physicians, family physicians in training, and medical students. The Academy requests your **support** for Senate Bill 808.

Senate Bill 808 alters the timeframes for insurers to process credentialing applications for inclusion in a provider network and establishes communication standards for the insurers for returning phone calls and keeping the applicant apprised of the status of their application. The timeframe changes are designed to expedite the processing of these applications and the ability of providers to join networks, such as through the use of email rather than written notices where possible.

Network adequacy is a key part of ensuring that patients have access to care, and it requires an efficient credentialing process for those who want to join networks. Senate Bill 808 helps achieve that efficiency.

For these reasons, MDAFP respectfully requests your support for Senate Bill 808.

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