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TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB#0494- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting

TO: Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill HB#0494, **Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting**

There is an annual primary care investment target established by the State for health care providers. This bill will provide that, when filing a premium rate or premium rate change with the commissioner ..., a carrier shall submit a description of the carrier's progress in meeting the annual primary care investment targets established by the state as required ...

Further, this section applies to individual, group, or blanket health insurance policies and contracts delivered or issued for delivery in the state by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations.

An entity subject to this section shall provide reimbursement to health care providers in a manner that meets the annual primary care investment targets established by the state on or after February 1, 2026.

This bill meets its goals by requiring certain entities to provide reimbursement to health care providers in a manner that meets the annual primary care investment targets established by the State on or after February 1, 2026; and requiring certain entities to provide a description of the entity's progress in meeting the annual primary care investment targets to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner when filing a premium rate or premium rate change with the Commissioner.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill HB#0494.