



**Senate Bill 490 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness**

**Letter of Information  
Senate Finance Committee  
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The Maryland Managed Care Organization Association (MMCOA) appreciates the opportunity to submit this letter for the purpose of clarifying our position on Senate Bill 490. MMCOA previously submitted comments requesting an unfavorable report on the bill. Upon further review, the bill does not apply to Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. Accordingly, MMCOA is not taking a position on SB 490.

*Please contact Joe Winn, Executive Director of MMCOA, with any questions regarding this testimony at [jwinn@marylandmco.org](mailto:jwinn@marylandmco.org).*