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Bill Number: HB 1365

Bill Title: Health Occupations and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training and Coverage Requirements

Committee: House Health Committee

MDOA Position: Letter of Support

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Madam Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support for House Bill 1365. The legislation aims to improve provider competency in menopause care and expand access to treatment as part of broader health coverage reforms. It would also require certain Maryland health occupations boards that mandate continuing education for licensees or certificate holders to grant specific training credit hours for education focused on menopause and menopause-associated symptoms.

Additionally, it would require certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause-related conditions.

HB 1365 supports the Longevity Ready Maryland plan's vision of promoting equitable access to high-quality, holistic health care across the lifespan, including preventive and gender-specific care that enhances well-being and enables healthy aging. By strengthening provider training and expanding insurance coverage for a health issue that affects a large segment of the aging population, this bill advances LRM's objectives of optimizing health, wellness, and mobility for all Marylanders.

The Longevity Ready Maryland plan calls for a coordinated, cross-sector approach to promote healthy aging and prevent avoidable decline. House Bill 1365 reinforces these priorities by supporting policies that enhance access, coordination, and accountability within Maryland's



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aging and health delivery systems. By investing upstream, before medical complications or crises occur, the State can improve outcomes while reducing health care costs.

HB 1365 provides a policy framework that enables the State to respond more effectively to these disparities and ensure that all Marylanders, regardless of zip code, have the opportunity to age with health and dignity.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Aging respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1365.

Thank you for your consideration.