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**TESTIMONY ON HB#0737 POSITION: FAVORABLE**

**Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers -  
Reimbursement Rate**

**TO:** Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health 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 HB#/0737, **Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate**

This accomplishes two purposes.

1. **A change in the date used** to determine the average rate the health maintenance organization paid as of [January 1 of the previous calendar year] JANUARY 31, 2019, in the same geographic area
2. **An increase in the reimbursement rate** inflated by the change in the Medicare economic index from 2019 to the current year

The change in compensation rates and how they are calculated will encourage non participating providers to work with health maintenance organizations to provide services even when their status is nonparticipating.

The bill will accomplish this by altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay certain nonparticipating health care providers for services.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB#/0737.**