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The Honorable Heather Bagnall
Chair, House Health Committee
240 Taylor Office Building
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House Bill 865 – Health Insurance – Remittance Advice – Interest on Late Claims

Dear Chair Bagnall,

The League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, Inc. respectfully oppose*s House Bill 865 – Health Insurance – Remittance Advice – Interest on Late Claims* and urges the committee to give the bill an unfavorable report.

League members are confused by House Bill 865. Carriers already provide notice and accounting direction on claims due to providers. Current law already says interest must be paid on unpaid claims that aren't paid within 30 days, with increasing rates the longer the delay. House Bill 865 doesn't change when interest is owed, it just changes how the explanation of that interest must be presented to the provider. Once again, the question from League members is why? Health care stakeholders have sophisticated billing systems that eliminate the need for basic transaction details and forcing new remittance reporting on top of these existing practices does nothing but increase cost to the system that ultimately gets passed along to consumers.

As always, carriers are more than willing to work on any of these issues and provide clarity when needed, but whatever the proponents are trying to accomplish is unclear at best due to existing payment practice. We would be happy to further to discuss in subcommittee if the committee desires, but as introduced we cannot be supportive of the bill as introduced.

For these reasons, the League urges the committee to give House Bill 865 an unfavorable report.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Members, House Health Committee