



House Health Committee
February 26, 2026
House Bill 917 – *Health Insurance – Retroactive Denial of Reimbursement*
POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP) is a statewide association representing more than 1,100 pediatricians and allied pediatric and adolescent healthcare practitioners in the State and is a strong and established advocate promoting the health and safety of all the children we serve. On behalf of MDAAP, we submit this letter of **support** for House Bill 917.

Retroactive denials, sometimes issued months after services are rendered, create unpredictable financial strain on pediatric practices, many of which operate on thin margins and serve large Medicaid populations. By limiting retroactive denials to narrow, clearly defined circumstances and shortening the denial window to three months, House Bill 917 provides needed stability and transparency. Pediatric practices serve as the medical home for Maryland’s youngest residents. When reimbursement is uncertain or reversed, practices must divert resources away from patient care to manage administrative recovery. House Bill 917 strengthens the financial and operational foundation of pediatric care, enabling clinicians to focus on what matters most: supporting healthy development, preventing disease, and responding quickly when children are ill or injured.

By requiring carriers to develop training plans on reimbursement protocols and billing standards, the bill ensures pediatricians and their staff receive clear, consistent guidance, reducing errors and administrative friction.

House Bill 917 is a thoughtful, balanced reform that protects pediatric practices, promotes fairness, and ultimately improves access to high-quality care for Maryland’s children.

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