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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 806 – *Health Information Exchanges – Protected Health Information - Regulations*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 806.

House Bill 806 requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations governing the access, use and disclosure of protected health information in accordance with various state and federal laws.

This legislation would clarify that the regulations to be adopted by the Commission must be in accordance with these laws. Doing so ensures the proper protection of patient health information that is obtained by a health information exchange.

For these reasons, MedChi supports House Bill 806.

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