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MedChi respectfully submits this letter to voice its concern regarding proposed changes to Medicaid's Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program structure and funding. MedChi believes that VBP programs, if structured and funded appropriately, serve as an important tool for both measuring and incentivizing quality improvement. Medicaid has recently released a plan to reevaluate and restructure its VBP program. Comprehensive program evaluation and modification is critical to ensuring that objectives are being maximized cost-effectively. However, MedChi is concerned that structural and funding changes associated with the proposed VBP program modifications have not been fully vetted with relevant stakeholders and that there may be unintended consequences associated with implementation of the plan under the proposed timeline without further dialogue. It is also MedChi's understanding that there is a federal opportunity to include value-based payments in HealthChoice capitation rates, thereby leveraging additional federal funds which is not reflected in the proposed program.

MedChi encourages the Committees to require that the Maryland Department of Health, prior to implementation of the plan, provide a report that details the measures and methodology used in the development of this plan, along with an assessment of the federal opportunity to include value-based payment into the HealthChoice capitation rates. MedChi looks forward to working with the Department and other stakeholders on this important initiative.

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