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RE: **LETTER OF INFORMATION** – House Bill 1107 – *Maryland Medical Assistance Program*
– *Supplemental Rebate Program* – *Subscription Model for Hepatitis C Therapies*

On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, we submit this **letter of information** for House Bill 1107.

House Bill 1107, as introduced, requires Medicaid to apply for a State Plan Amendment that would have authorized the State to enter into a “subscription model” payment plan for Hepatitis C therapies. It also includes requirements for the provision of these therapies in the correctional system and other state agencies through the utilization of this model. As introduced, the above-named organizations were opposed to the legislation. They appreciated the sponsor’s intent, which was to expand access to treatment therapies while concurrently reducing costs. However, the subscription model, which has only been recently utilized in two other states, has actually reduced access to the full range of Hepatitis C therapies due to limited formularies or stringent prior authorization or step therapy requirements. To that end, MedChi and MACHC appreciate the sponsor’s amendments to remove Medicaid from the legislation given the unintended consequences experienced in other State programs. While no longer opposed, the organizations would urge caution if the Committee chooses to move forward with the legislation related to the corrections system to be sure there will not be unintended consequences similar to the Medicaid program, despite the notable objectives of the sponsor.

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