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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair
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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 84 – *Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** Senate Bill 84.

Senate Bill 84 allows a pharmacist to administer certain maintenance injectable medications. This legislation is similar to Senate Bill 545 of 2020, which MedChi initially took issue with. MedChi's principal concern was that allowing a pharmacist to administer the initial dose of medication would not provide adequate safeguards against an adverse reaction, which often but not always manifests upon the initial dosage. To address this, amendments were added allowing the physician (or other prescriber) to direct that the initial dose should not be administered by the pharmacist. Senate Bill 84 as introduced tracks these amendments that were made to the legislation in 2020.

Accordingly, MedChi supports Senate Bill 84 as introduced.

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