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House Bill 772 – *Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization – Establishment*  
**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT**

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** House Bill 772.

The bill establishes a temporary workgroup within the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop cost-based reimbursement methodologies for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) and Outpatient Mental Health Centers, without directly increasing payment rates. The workgroup must use federal CCBHC cost data, analyze outpatient behavioral health cost drivers, review other state and federal reimbursement models, propose cost-based rate-setting methods and phased implementation options, identify legal barriers, and report to the General Assembly. MedChi supports the sponsor's efforts to address patient access to mental health care by examining reimbursement rates and methodologies. MedChi shares the goal of making Maryland's behavioral health system sustainable in the long term, and we believe this bill will help ensure the financial viability and access to mental and behavioral health services in Maryland.

House Bill 772 establishes a broad workgroup that includes legislators, state officials, behavioral health providers, hospitals, consumer representatives, and an actuarial expert, but it does not explicitly include a physician representative. *Adding a MedChi physician would ensure direct physician input on cost drivers, staffing and supervision requirements, regulatory burdens, and the clinical realities of delivering behavioral health services.*

Physician participation would strengthen the workgroup's recommendations by aligning cost-based reimbursement methodologies with real-world care delivery and patient outcomes. With its amendment noted, MedChi supports House Bill 772.

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