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House Bill 1114 – *HIV Prevention Drugs – Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage*

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** House Bill 1114. Under this bill, a pharmacist may prescribe and dispense a complete course of pre-exposure prophylaxis to a patient. The bill also prohibits insurers from imposing utilization review standards and cost-sharing on pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis and any related tests for the prevention of HIV.

MedChi is fully supportive of removing barriers to care that often arise from administratively burdensome utilization review policies and cost-sharing that may hinder an individual's ability to receive timely treatment. However, as indicated in this section of the bill, prescribing and dispensing pre-exposure prophylaxis to a patient requires comprehensive medical evaluation, baseline and follow-up laboratory monitoring, and assessment of co-existing conditions best managed within an ongoing physician-patient relationship. Prescribing and dispensing by pharmacists may result in fragmented care due to limited access to medical records. In addition, we do not believe that the pharmacy setting is appropriate or provides sufficient opportunity for a complete examination that may uncover other underlying health issues.

Therefore, MedChi requests that the bill be amended to remove the expanded authority (pages 2-5) but maintain the insurance mandate, including managed care organizations. With this change, we request a favorable vote.

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