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House Health Committee

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House Bill 1469 – *Health Insurance – Workgroup to Study the Definition of Specialty Drug*

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports with amendment** House Bill 1469, which establishes a workgroup to study the definition of specialty drug.

As drafted, the workgroup has nine members. Five of the members represent insurers or pharmacy benefit managers. Two of the members are pharmacists, one is from a hospital, and one is a health care provider not from a hospital. The conditions treated with specialty drugs are serious and complex, requiring highly specialized clinical knowledge. Because of this complexity, it is essential that the workgroup include representation to ensure that clinical considerations are fully and accurately reflected in its discussions and recommendations, including the clinical circumstances that necessitate their use, and the potential consequences for patients when access is delayed or restricted.

For this reason, MedChi respectfully requests that the workgroup include two physicians who prescribe specialty medications to treat their patients' conditions. With this amendment, MedChi urges a favorable vote.

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