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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 744 – *Insurance – Contraceptive Coverage – Consumer Information*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, on behalf of their members and their patients **supports** Senate Bill 744, which requires carriers that provide coverage for prescription drugs to develop a contraceptive coverage information document for each of the carriers' plans and make the documents available on both its public website and member website.

Specifically, under Senate Bill 744, the contraceptive coverage information document must include: (1) all brand name and generic contraceptive drugs and devices covered by the plan; (2) all surgical contraceptive methods covered by the plan; (3) all cost-sharing requirements for each contraceptive drug or device and related health care visits covered by the plan; and (4) any medical management or utilization review requirements for each contraceptive drug or device covered by the plan. The document must be posted on the carrier's website.

The complexity of health insurance often leaves patients with the difficulty and frustrating task of evaluating health insurance choices and understanding how coverage works. Information barriers hinder market competition and increase the cost of health insurance. Senate Bill 744 seeks to demystify this process and provide necessary information to consumers and/or businesses to allow them to make more informed health insurance choices. MedChi urges a favorable vote.

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