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**TO:** The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton, Chairman  
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**RE:** **SUPPORT** – House Bill 286 – *Hospitals and Freestanding Ambulatory Care Facilities – Practitioner Performance Evaluation*

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The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents over 7,300 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports House Bill 286.

This legislation aims to provide hospitals and the regulatory bodies overseeing them with adequate authority to review patient care by physicians, particularly with respect to utilization.

House Bill 286 requires hospitals and ambulatory care facilities, as a matter of licensure, to have certain procedures in place for reviewing the performance of the physicians who work in the facility. These facilities should have such procedures in place already, but passage of this legislation would ensure that they do or their license may not be renewed.

For these reasons, MedChi supports House Bill 286.

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