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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 954 – *Medicaid Streamlined Eligibility Act of 2014*

On behalf of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MDAAP), the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Maryland Section (MDACOG), and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, we support House Bill 954.

House Bill 954 proposes to facilitate access to enrollment in Medicaid as well as ensure those currently enrolled to not unnecessarily lose coverage due to reenrollment/renewal requirements. The bill requires the State to extend enrollment renewal for those due to renew between January and March of 2014 and requires enrollment of individuals based on the eligibility for the federal SNAP program and the income eligibility of their children. House Bill 954 also requires longer guaranteed eligibility limits which have been demonstrated to increase access to care and improve health outcomes. Passage of House Bill 954 furthers the objectives of the ACA and facilitates access to services to Maryland's most vulnerable individuals. A favorable report is requested.

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