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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 482 – *Workers' Compensation – Prescription Drugs – Choice of Pharmacy*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), which represents more than 8,000 Maryland physicians and their patients, supports Senate Bill 482.

Senate Bill 482 restates the current law of Maryland with respect to the rights of an injured worker which is that the worker has complete freedom of choice when it comes to selecting his or her doctor or, in this case, pharmacy.

In past legislative Sessions, workers compensation insurers have sought to limit employee choice so that the worker is directed to a doctor, clinic, therapist or pharmacy of the employer's or insurer's choosing. Those attempts have been soundly defeated.

MedChi believes that the choice of doctor or pharmacy is one best made by the patient and not by an employer or insurance company. It urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 482.

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