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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 49 – *Recoupmnt of the Health Insurance Provider Fee – Calculation*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 49, which makes permanent the funding for the State's newly implemented Reinsurance Program. For a calendar year in which the federal government does not make an assessment under § 9010 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the State assessment will be 2.75% on all amounts used to calculate the entity's premium tax liability or the amount of the entity's premium tax exemption value for the immediately preceding calendar year. For a calendar year in which the federal government does make an assessment, the State assessment will be 1%.

MedChi strongly supported the development of the State's Reinsurance Program to stabilize the individual health insurance market. House Bill 49 will ensure that the program remains viable through the imposition of this continuing assessment and will benefit both the individuals who rely on the individual health insurance market for coverage and stabilize the carriers that participate in the marketplace. MedChi urges a favorable report.

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