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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1426 – *Health Services Cost Review Commission – Duties and Reports – Revisions*

The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi), the largest physician organization in Maryland, **supports** House Bill 1426. House Bill 1426 requires that the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) submit its annual report by May 1 of each year (rather than by October 1) and expands the required contents of the report to include an update on the status of the State's compliance with the provisions of the current All-Payer Model Contract, including:

- Performance in limiting inpatient and outpatient hospital per capita cost growth for all payers to a trend based on the State's 10-year compound annual gross State product;
- Annual progress toward achieving the State's financial targets established by the current contract;
- A summary of the work conducted, recommendations made, and HSCRC action on activities related to, and recommendations made by, workgroups created to provide technical input and advice on the contract;
- Actions approved and considered by HSCRC to promote alternative methods of rate determination and payment of an experimental nature;
- Reports submitted to CMMI relating to the contract; and
- Any known adverse consequences that implementing the contract has had on the State, including changes or indications of changes to quality of or access to care, and the actions HSCRC has taken to address and mitigate the consequences.

MedChi supports the continued reporting of these items as the State fully implements the current All-Payer Model Contract. MedChi urges a favorable vote.