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To: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

From: Patricia F. O'Connor, Health Education and Advocacy Unit

Re: House Bill 1313 (Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration): Letter of Information

The Office of the Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit (HEAU) wishes to inform the General Assembly that to the extent that this bill authorizes paramedics to directly bill consumers, consumers should be notified of any potential out-of-pocket costs because paramedic provided vaccines are not likely to be covered by traditional insurance plans. To the extent there is a risk of direct patient billing and noncoverage, we would ask the sponsor to accept an amendment with consumer protections to be drafted by the HEAU once there is clarity regarding the bill's provisions.

cc: Sponsor