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House Bill 463 – Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

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SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

**House Health and Government Operations Committee
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of House Bill 463- Maryland Health Equity Resource Act. We respectfully ask for an amendment to the bill to include a representative of the Maryland Managed Care Organization Association (MMCOA) serve on the Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee, established by the bill's provisions.

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Edward Kumian
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Priority Partners MCO,
Inc.

The Maryland Managed Care Organization Association's (MMCOA) nine member Medicaid MCOs that serve over 1.5 million Marylanders through the Medicaid HealthChoice program are in support of all efforts to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes and access to primary care, promote prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions, and we support the establishment of the Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee.

Angelo D. Edge
CEO
Aetna Better Health

Given our role in providing care to those who often experience negative physical and behavioral health conditions stemming from health care inequities, and given the experience and knowledge that MCOs have in the health challenges facing those we serve, we respectfully ask that House Bill 463 be amended to include a representative of MMCOA to serve as a member of the Health Equity Resource Community Advisory Committee.

Mike Rapach
President & CEO
CareFirst Community
Health Plan of Maryland

Jai Seunarine
CEO
Jai Medical Systems

Maryland's HealthChoice members- as well as all Marylanders- will benefit from the much-needed work of the Committee, and the MCOs welcome the opportunity to be involved in this effort to improve the health and well-being of those we serve.

Shannon McMahon
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Please contact Jennifer Briemann, Executive Director of MMCOA, with any questions regarding this testimony at jbriemann@marylandmco.org.

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 463
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 8, in line 15, strike “and”; after line 13, insert:

“(viii) one representative of the Maryland MCO Association; and”;