



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Senator Pamela Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill 1036 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Maternal Fetal Medicine Services – Reimbursement – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of information for House Bill (HB) 1036 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Maternal Fetal Medicine Services – Reimbursement.

HB 1036 requires the Department to change the reimbursement amount for physicians billing Maryland Medical Assistance (“Medicaid”) for Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) codes to align with the Federal Medicare Fee Schedule. MFM services are provided to individuals with a high-risk pregnancy. This could include individuals with certain chronic conditions, such as lupus, hypertension, renal disease, and diabetes or those with multiple gestation, pre-eclampsia, or with a family history of genetic disease.

Reimbursement for 14 of the 15 affected codes listed in the bill will increase. One code (76820) currently exceeds the Medicare rate. Rates for these codes would be increased for all billing providers. As a result, there will be an annual fiscal impact of \$4.71 million total funds (\$2.59 million in federal funds and \$2.12 million in state general funds). From fiscal year (FY) 2025 through FY 2029, the total fiscal impact will be \$22.39 million total funds (\$12.31 million state general funds and \$10.08 million in federal funds). The Department notes that to the extent Medicare reimbursement for these codes increases, the fiscal impact will also increase.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

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Secretary