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**PHARMACIST REIMBURSEMENT WORKGROUP
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

June 27, 2022

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Zoom Webinar video conference:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614319627?pwd=Z2tPeUVJV3ZBaVRmTEtrUVA4dlhPdZ09>

Dial-in number: 833 568 8864 US Toll-free

Webinar ID: 161 431 9627

(Registration and Access Information Below)

Chapter 372 of the Acts of 2022 requires the Commissioner to establish a workgroup to identify options and requirements necessary for the reimbursement of pharmacists who provide medical services within their scope of practice and work setting, and to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the Commissioner's findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2022.

A workgroup is being formed. The members at this time include:

- Sen. Pamela Beidle
- Deena Speights-Napata, Maryland Board of Pharmacy
- Christine Lee-Wilson, PharmD
- Aliyah Horton, Maryland Pharmacists Association
- Magaly Rodriguez, Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions, University of Maryland
- Mindy Smith, Tabula Rasa Healthcare
- Nicole Brandt, The Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
- Allison Taylor, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
- Jennifer L. Briemann, Maryland Managed Care Organization Association
- Kathleen Loughran, Amerigroup
- Deborah Rivkin, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
- Matthew Celentano, League of Life and Health Insurers
- Kimberly Robinson, Cigna

The first meeting will be held on June 27, 2022. The purpose of the first meeting is to identify the current barriers that prevent pharmacists from being reimbursed for medical services by health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations. Future meetings will consider specific barriers and options to address the barriers.

The Commissioner hereby invites oral and written comments from interested stakeholders describing the barriers pharmacists encounter in filing claims and obtaining reimbursement.

AGENDA

1. Opening comments from Commissioner Kathleen A. Birrane.
2. Comments by registered speakers concerning the barriers that exist with regard to managed care organizations participating in the HealthChoice program.
3. Comments by registered speakers concerning the barriers that exist with regard nonprofit health service plans, insurers, and health maintenance organizations in the commercial market.
4. Comments by unregistered participants.

If you would like to present or offer public comments *during* the virtual public hearing, please notify the MIA in advance of the meeting by submitting your request to pharmacist.mia@maryland.gov. You may also use this email to submit written comments.

To the extent that time and technology permit, the MIA will hear from unregistered participants who access the Zoom Event platform.