



The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor
State of Maryland
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: HB 443, Chapter 152 of the Acts of 2012-Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2012

January 4, 2013

Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller, and Speaker Busch:

Pursuant to HB 443, Chapter 152 of the Acts of 2012, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) is to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on the establishment of requirements for continuity of care in the state's health insurance markets, including:

- 1) the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; and
- (2) health benefit plans offered in the individual and small group markets, both inside and outside MHBE.

Pursuant to this requirement, MHBE created the continuity of care advisory committee with 20 participating Marylanders. In consultation with this committee and with the data and analysis provided by an external consultant, the MHBE Board developed the recommendations in the attached report.

The MHBE Board looks forward to the next steps in consideration of these recommendations, and we thank you for the opportunity to serve Maryland at this special time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Pearce".

Rebecca Pearce
Executive Director, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange