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MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners

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Re: Recommendation for Final Permanent Regulations: COMAR 10.25.06, *Maryland Medical Care Data Base and Data Collection*

Background

Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) staff seeks Commission adoption of proposed permanent regulations under COMAR 10.25.06, Maryland Medical Care Data Base and Data Collection, as final regulations, based on the following changes:

- amend regulations .01 – .04;
- repeal existing regulations .05 and .06, and replace with new regulations .05 and .06; and
- amend regulations .07 – .18.

More specifically, staff removed the language at 10.25.06.06C to align with the new regulations that govern data release (new chapter COMAR 10.25.05, approved by the Commission as proposed permanent regulations at the June 2021 public meeting, to be published in the *Maryland Register* later this month). Staff also identified and amended language deemed outdated throughout COMAR 10.25.06 to align with current All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) data collection best practices. The most substantive change to the regulations is the proposed amendments to COMAR 10.25.06.05A-C, which permits the Commission to collect MCDB data from reporting entities more frequently than quarterly. Also, staff proposed amendments to expand the non-fee-for-service data collection to include all services, not only medical.

After considering staff's review and updates to COMAR 10.25.06, the Commission adopted the proposed permanent regulations on May 20, 2021. The proposed permanent regulations were published in the *Maryland Register* on July 16, 2021, for a formal public comment period, which ended on August 20, 2021. Staff did not receive any comments on the proposed regulations, and there was no public hearing scheduled or held for COMAR 10.25.06.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Commission adopt the amendments to COMAR 10.25.06, *Maryland Medical Care Data Base and Data Collection* as final regulations.