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William J. Dirscoll, Jr., Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 507
Boston, MA 02133

Marjorie C. Decker, Chair
Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 130
Boston, MA 02133

RE: June 6th Joint Committee on Public Health Hearing – H2384/S1514, An Act relative to provider choice

Dear Chairs Driscoll and Decker,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans and our 13 member health plans and one behavioral health organization, providing health insurance coverage to nearly 3 million Massachusetts residents, we appreciate the opportunity to share feedback on House Bill 2384/Senate Bill 1514, *An Act relative to provider choice*.

H2384 and S1514 would remove the Vaccine Program Advisory Council's authority to recommend the types of vaccines purchased and direct the Department of Public Health to implement a provider immunization brand choice requirement, permitting all participating providers to select any brand or type of immunization. The bills also would change the potential scope of the vaccine trust fund, potentially impacting the vaccines covered by the fund and the overall cost of the assessment. The assessment to cover the cost of childhood vaccines is one of the managed care assessments included in the payor assessment reform proposal that is being carefully crafted by the legislature, administration, CMS, and the health plans. We are concerned with any changes to the structure or scope of trust funds that are included in the payor assessment reforms that could disrupt the efforts to reform the assessment framework and address the budget gap in the Medicaid program.

For this reason, we **OPPOSE House Bill 2384 and Senate Bill 1514.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information or to discuss these bills further.

Sincerely,

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Massachusetts Association of Health Plans