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**Medicaid CMO Reform Bill, HB 1234 Passes House,
Your Action Requested in Senate**

HB 1234, the “Medicaid CMO Act” has passed the House and now sits in the Georgia Senate. The bill, authored by Rep. Mickey Channell, R-Greensboro, would make several improvements to the Medicaid CMO system, including:

- A. Place the CMO’s under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner
- B. Require that CMO of the mother pay for services for a newborn at the hospital
- C. Require CMOs to have websites for processing, editing, rebilling etc. claims. (Some CMOs now require that appeals be done manually, thus slowing the process and adding administrative burden to practices.)
- D. Require that the Dept. of Community Health reimburse providers who delivered care to a patient, who was listed as eligible at time of service, but was later found to be ineligible.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight, chaired by Sen. Ronnie Chance, R-Fayetteville. PLEASE contact your Senator this week and urge them to support passage of HB 1234 as a reasonable step to ensure improved operation of the Medicaid CMO program.

If you are unsure who your state Senator is, please visit the Chapter website at www.gaaap.org and click on the Legislative Affairs page. There is a mechanism there which will tell you the names of your representatives, based on your address and zip code. Thank you very much.