



# OPPOSE DUPLICATIVE MEDICAID FRAUD LEGISLATION

## BACKGROUND

House Bill (HB) 876, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cabell, requires all individuals seeking to provide Medical Assistance (MA) services:

- Obtain a National Provider Identification (NPI) Number or a State Provider Identification (SPI) Number.
- Individuals using an SPI must take standardized Department of Human Services training.
- All MA reimbursement claims must contain:
  - NPI or SPI
  - Medicaid Provider Number
  - Date of services
  - Start and end time of services

## CALL TO ACTION

**Oppose the legislation as it is currently drafted.** While we endorse anti-fraud measures, we must ensure they:

1. Avoid undue administrative burden
2. Avoid barriers to recruitment/retention

**PHA supports amending the legislation to allow an exemption for providers already subject to the EVV, eliminating duplicative data mandates.**

## OUR POSITION

- HB 876 aims to collect claims data that home health and home care providers already gather due to the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) mandate under the 21st Century Cures Act.
- The EVV mandate gathers real-time data for Medicaid claims and sends it to the state-appointed data aggregator, covering all fields in HB 876, including:
  - Unique identifier for workers (purpose of NPI)
  - Medicaid Provider Number
  - Date of Service
  - Start and End Time of Service
- PA's EVV rollout resulted in substantial financial and administrative strain on home-based care providers over several years.
- Issuing NPIs could result in obstacles to timely hiring for a workforce already in crisis.
- HB 876's standardized training provision duplicates existing industry requirements, hindering hiring and adding unnecessary obstacles. Medical Assistance program providers already ensure workers are adequately trained, making the bill's training provisions redundant.