



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary*

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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
House Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: HB 317 – Mental Health – Involuntary Admissions – Procedures - Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) submits this letter of information for House Bill (HB) 317 – Involuntary Admissions - Procedures.

The Department already has the authority to promulgate regulations for involuntary admissions and the listed health occupations are within their scope of practice to conduct those evaluations. As such, the Department believes that this bill is unnecessary and is willing to engage stakeholders through the regulatory process to promulgate regulations based on the intent of this bill.

If you would have additional questions, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs Webster Ye at (410) 260-3190 or [webster.ye@maryland.gov](mailto:webster.ye@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall  
Secretary