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The Honorable Dolores G. Kelley
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 111 – Health Care Facilities – Dialysis Treatment Services – Training (David Selby Dialysis Parity Act) - Letter of Information

Dear Chair Kelley:

The Maryland Health Care Commission (the “MHCC”) is submitting this letter of information on SB 111 – Health Care Facilities – Dialysis Treatment Services – Training (David Selby Dialysis Parity Act).

This bill prohibits a “health care facility” from providing peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis treatment services unless the individual performing the procedure is trained. “Health care facility” includes a kidney dialysis center, a facility operated by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) or a health officer, and a health care provider’s office.

The regulatory authority for this bill is being placed under the regulatory provisions of the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) as a new section. The MHCC does not regulate or have authority over peritoneal or hemodialysis treatment services or kidney dialysis centers. This authority is more appropriately placed under the miscellaneous provisions of the Health-General Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Ben Steffen, Executive Director, Maryland Health Care Commission at ben.steffen@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Ben Steffen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Steffen".

Executive Director, MHCC