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BILL NO.: SB 1016 – Health Occupations – Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody
COMMITTEE: Finance
POSITION: Letter of Information

TITLE: Health Occupations – Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody

POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of information for SB 1016 – Health Occupations – Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody (SB 1016).

Currently, a licensed pharmacist may dispense in a single dispensing the total number of dosage units authorized by a prescriber on an original prescription plus any refills, provided that the quantity dispensed does not exceed a 90-day supply. See Health Occ. 12-512.

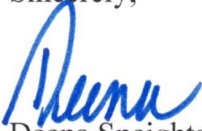
To the extent a prescription written for “double the amount,” is inconsistent with the requirement that a prescription for a controlled substance be issued only for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice, it may be subject to additional scrutiny as required by federal law. 21 C.F.R. 1306.04(a).

Please note, many insurance companies limit the quantity of controlled substances dispensed to a 30-day supply.

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If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director, at deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov or (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,



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