

The Board recommends expansion of the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council to include one pharmacist representative of a statewide organization who can provide input on pharmacy reimbursement rates, patient access to treatments, and the cost of dispensing.

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](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov) or (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,



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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: House Bill 340 – Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act)**

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of information for House Bill (HB) 340 – Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act).

The Board supports the provision of HB 340 in which the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in consultation with, a Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council determines whether, in addition to setting upper payment limits in accordance with § 21-2C-14(A) of the Health General Article, it is in the best interest of the State for the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board determines have led or will lead to an affordability challenge.

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