



Board of Physicians

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BILL NO.: House Bill 838 - State Board of Pharmacy - Prescriber-Pharmacist
Agreements
COMMITTEE: Health
POSITION: Letter of Information

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this Letter of Information for House Bill (HB) 838 - State Board of Pharmacy - Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements. HB 838 authorizes a pharmacist to enter into a prescriber-pharmacist agreement to authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances. In addition, HB 838 repeals the requirement that a prescriber must submit a prescriber-pharmacist agreement to the health occupations board that regulates the prescriber.

The Board supports being removed from the Drug Therapy Management (DTM) process. To ensure the efficient administration of DTM applications and compliance with the statute, the Board of Physicians and the Board of Pharmacy executed a memorandum of understanding on August 5, 2013. As a result, the Board has not received a DTM agreement since 2013. The parties agreed that the Board of Pharmacy would receive and process all DTM agreements. Once removed, the Board of Pharmacy will process all DTMs.

This portion of the bill was drafted after collaborative conversations with all relevant boards. The Board appreciates the Board of Pharmacy's willingness to ensure that the statute accurately reflects the DTM process.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Manager of Policy and Legislation, at the Maryland Board of Physicians, at 410-764-5053.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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