



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### **MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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

### **RE: House Bill 530 – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations – Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of support for House Bill 530 – Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations.

By homogenizing the requirements for pharmacists to administer vaccines, this bill will create a less burdensome framework for pharmacists to navigate when administering vaccinations. By lowering the minimum patient age from 11 years to 9 years, the Board believes that this measure will expand access to necessary care. This promotes the Board’s mission of promoting quality health care in the field of pharmacy. For these reasons, the Board of Pharmacy supports this measure.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 410-764-4753 or [deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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