



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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February 18, 2020

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

**RE: House Bill 656 – Pharmacists – Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications – Letter of Support**

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of support for House Bill 656 – Pharmacists – Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications.

House Bill 656 would expand a pharmacist’s scope of practice to include the administration of maintenance injectable medications. This will increase public access to these important treatments. By expanding access to these treatments, this legislation will advance the Board of Pharmacy’s mission to promote quality healthcare in the field of pharmacy. For this reason, the Board of Pharmacy extends its formal support for this legislation.

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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