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February 10, 2021

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 465 – Maryland Medical Assistance Programs – Dental Providers and Dental Students – Reimbursement – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Department of Health is submitting this letter of information on Senate Bill (SB) 465 – Maryland Medical Assistance Programs – Dental Providers and Dental Students – Reimbursement.

SB 465 would require the Department to reimburse for dental services performed by a dental student under the supervision of a licensed dentist as a part of their school of dentistry educational requirements beginning on October 1, 2021.

The Department would like to clarify that the requirements mandated by SB 465 are already permitted under existing Medicaid policy. The Department already permits a licensed dentist registered as a Medicaid provider to bill for services performed by a dental student under their supervision. The Department notes that consistent with the bill's requirements, dental students may not register as a provider or bill for services independently of a licensed dentist participating with the Medicaid Program.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at webster.ye@maryland.gov / (410) 260-3190 or Heather Shek, Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs at heather.shek@maryland.gov and at the same phone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Webster Ye".

Webster Ye
Assistant Secretary