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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
121 House Office Bldg.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: House Bill 732 Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice (the "Board") is submitting this letter of information on House Bill (HB) 732 -Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners.

Pertaining to the Maryland Board of Dietetic practice, HB 732 will require out-of-state dietitians to register with the Board to practice tele-dietetics in Maryland. The mission of the Board is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality health care in the field of dietetics by licensing dietitians and nutritionists, setting standards for the practice of dietetics through regulations and legislation, and receiving and resolving complaints from the public regarding dietitians and nutritionists. The Board would still have to provide the same level of review for an application for registration as a license; therefore a discount or fast track could not be offered. Currently, the Board strives to issue a license within 5 days of a completed application.

HB 732 requires that the registrant must designate a resident agent before providing services. The Board supports continuance of care for Maryland patients; however, the resident agent requirement may hinder care; for example, the continuation of care for out of state college students.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. If you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-764-4741 or [marie.savage@maryland.gov](mailto:marie.savage@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,  
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