



Board of Pharmacy

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March 3, 2022

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

RE: House Bill 1219 – Pharmacists – Status as Health Care Providers and Reimbursement - Letter of Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the Board) is submitting this Letter of Support for House Bill (HB) 1219 – Pharmacists – Status as Health Care Providers and Reimbursement.

The Board supports HB 1219 as it recognizes the broadened scope of pharmaceutical services that a Maryland-licensed pharmacist may provide to Marylanders and requires reimbursement in the same manner as other licensed healthcare professionals who provide the same service. Recognizing pharmacists as independent providers will allow Marylanders increased access to routine tests and, ultimately, decrease unmet health needs.

The Board supports the appropriate expansion of the practice of pharmacy and believes the ability to obtain reimbursement for services rendered and receive protection from certain legal challenges will spur pharmacists to offer additional health care services to the public.

The Board respectfully requests that the Committee submit a favorable report for HB 1219.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov / (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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