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The Honorable Melony Griffith
Chair, Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: House Bill 1156 – Pharmacists – Therapy Management Contract – Form

Dear Chairwoman Griffith and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of support for House Bill (HB) 1156 – Pharmacists – Therapy Management Contract – Form.

Currently, an authorized prescriber, patient, and pharmacist are required to sign a written therapy management contract before a pharmacist provides treatment in accordance with a predetermined protocol. § 12-6A-01. HB 1156 would also permit verbal consent, and then require the parties to reduce the verbal agreement to writing within 30 days. § 12-6A-07(c).

A therapy management contract is essential to ensuring that a patient provides informed consent prior to receiving a course of treatment, including drug therapy, laboratory tests, and medical devices, predetermined by an authorized prescriber and licensed pharmacist. The Board supports streamlining the initiation of treatment by permitting acceptance of a verbal therapy management contract.

The Board respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 1156.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Deena Speights-Napata, MA, Executive Director at deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov or (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director