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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk 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, a pharmacist, authorized prescriber, and patient are required to sign a written therapy management contract before a pharmacist is permitted to provide treatment using drug therapy, laboratory tests, or medical devices in accordance with a predetermined protocol. § 12-6A-01. HB 1156 would permit the healthcare providers and patient to verbally consent to the agreement, which the parties would then be required to reduce to writing. § 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 predetermined by an authorized prescriber and licensed pharmacist. The Board supports streamlining care initiation by permitting acceptance of an oral 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