



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: House Bill 149 – Medical Records – Destruction – Notice and Retrieval

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for House Bill (HB) 149 – Medical Records – Destruction – Notice and Retrieval.

Amendment 1

As patients and providers use e-mail, text messages, and designated mobile applications readily to transmit information regarding appointments, test results, and symptoms, the Board supports notification through the mode of communication which a patient deems most convenient.

On page 4, line 7, strike “and” then insert “or.”

On page 4, line 8, insert “, if the patient affirmatively opts-in,” between “e-mail” and “to the last known e-mail address....”

The opinion of the Board expressed in this document does not necessarily reflect that of the Maryland Department of Health or the Administration.

Amendment 2

As the death, retirement, surrender of license, or discontinuance of the practice or business of a health care provider affects hundreds, if not thousands, of patients, the Board supports the retention of notification through a daily newspaper.

On page 5, line 3, remove the strike from “(1).”

On page 5, line 6, remove the strike from “(i).”

On page 5, line 7, remove the strike from “(ii).”

On page 5, line 9, remove the strike from “or.”

On page 5, lines 10 – 15, remove the strike from “(2)” down through “if wanted.”

On page 5, line 10, insert “required in this section” between “notice” and “in a daily newspaper....”

With the proposed amendments, the Board respectfully requests a favorable report on HB 149.

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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