



# Board of Physicians

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**BILL NO.:** HB 867 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors -  
Prescriptive Authority and Administration of Medication  
**COMMITTEE:** Health and Government Operations  
**POSITION:** Letter of Information

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The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this Letter of Information for House Bill (HB) 867 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Prescriptive Authority and Administration of Medication. HB 867 would authorize naturopathic doctors licensed in the State to prescribe certain medications, to administer medications intramuscularly, subcutaneously, and intravenously, and would remove the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council (NDFC).

The Board does not have a position on HB 867, but would like to highlight the current requirements for the NDFC. At present, the Board must recruit members and direct biannual NDFC meetings where members are to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the formulary. Staff time is allocated to facilitate these meetings and council members are paid a per diem for their time and travel. However, the statute currently limits the NDFC from making any changes to the formulary. Per § 14-5F-04.1(b)(1), the formulary cannot include prescription drugs or devices not already in statute.

Due to the NDFC's inability to make alterations to the formulary, the Board believes it is fiscally and operationally practical to eliminate the NDFC. It would remove a requirement that absorbs staff time and Board funds that is unable to produce any action.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Health Policy Analyst, at 410-764-5053.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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