



# Board of Physicians

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## 2025 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO.:** HB 1493 - Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Shared Custody or Visitation Schedules  
**COMMITTEE:** Health and Government Operations  
**POSITION:** Letter of Information

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### POSITION & RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is respectfully submitting this Letter of Information for House Bill (HB) 1493 - Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Shared Custody or Visitation Schedules.

HB 1493 requires health care providers authorized to prescribe to write a prescription for each parent for the amount of the drug proportional to the amount of time a child spends with each parent if a parent provides a court order or court-approved shared custody or visitation schedule. In addition, HB 1493 requires healthcare providers who are authorized to dispense to fill prescriptions authorized under this bill.

The Board has concerns that HB 1493 may be difficult to execute, especially for smaller providers and private practices, and subsequently may negatively impact access to care and patient safety.

The Board would also like to note that health care providers regulated by the Board who are authorized to prescribe and dispense prescription drugs and who act in accordance with HB 1493 are still required to do so without violation of any disciplinary ground, including meeting the appropriate standards of care, and a violation of any disciplinary ground may result in disciplinary action.

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

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