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Maryland General Assembly
Legislative Services Building
90 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401

Senate Finance Committee
Re: House Bill 0931 – Nursing Homes – Medical Directors – Requirements
Position: Support with Amendment
Hearing Date: March 25, 2026

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 0931.

We are writing in support of HB 0931 and its goal of strengthening clinical leadership and accountability in Maryland's nursing homes.

Support for Certification and Transparency

HB 0931 takes important steps to improve quality in nursing homes by requiring designated medical directors to hold an approved medical director certification or be actively working toward such certification. Nursing home residents are among the most medically complex and vulnerable individuals in our health care system. Ensuring that medical directors have specialized training and expertise in post-acute and long-term care medicine will help improve quality oversight, regulatory compliance, and resident outcomes.

Additionally, the bill's requirement that the Maryland Department of Health maintain visibility of nursing home medical directors promotes transparency and accountability. Families, residents, and stakeholders deserve to know who is responsible for clinical leadership within their facilities. Public access to this information strengthens trust in the system.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support HB 0931. This bill would meaningfully strengthen nursing home clinical leadership without creating unintended workforce challenges.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Yours Truly,
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