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The Honorable Nicole Poore Senate Majority Leader Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901

Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children Roy Proujansky, MD, Chief Executive of Nemours Delaware Valley Operations

Dear Senator Poore,

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

Beebe Healthcare Rick Schaffner Interim CEO

Christiana Care Health System Janice E. Nevin, M.D. MPH President & CEO

Nanticoke Health Services Steven A. Rose, RN, MN President & CEO

Saint Francis Healthcare
Daniel Sinnott
President & CEO

Delaware Healthcare Association Wayne A. Smith President & CEO Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor on Senate Bill 171 to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to Urgent Care Facilities.

Ref: Support SB 171

SB 171 establishes a new subchapter of Title 16 regulating urgent care facilities and requires such facilities to obtain a license from the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) based upon accreditation by an approved accrediting body. The Act also requires each urgent care facility in the State to enroll in the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) and to notify a patient's primary care provider through DHIN of patient encounters. DHA supports your efforts to enact meaningful standards for this category of providers as well as ensure more complete patient data is available to primary care providers to allow for better coordination of care among a patient's network of providers.

DHA is pleased to support SB 171 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Smith President & CEO

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and advocates for policies that create an environment enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.