



May 10, 2022

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable David Bentz
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for HB 334

Representative Bentz,

Thank you for introducing House Bill 334 relating to telehealth. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) supports HB 334 with the inclusion of House Amendment 1.

Nemours Children's Health, Delaware
Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

HB 334 would permit health-care providers who are licensed in a state other than Delaware to deliver health-care services to patients located in Delaware by telehealth and telemedicine only if a health-care provider-patient relationship has been established.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

DHA supports the inclusion of HA 1 affirming that the existing flexibilities contained in Sections 6003-6005 of Title 24 remain intact. For example, Section 6005 rightly ensures that telehealth may be practiced without an existing provider-patient relationship under certain situations, such as an episodic consultation by a specialist located in another jurisdiction at the request of a licensed health-care professional. HA 1 also allows the applicable professional licensing boards for each health-care profession authorized for telehealth practice to require out-of-state providers to either register with the applicable licensing board or to apply for and seek Delaware licensure under interstate licensure compacts where applicable.

Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO

Telehealth is important to providing greater access to care and improving health outcomes for hard to reach and underserved populations as well as those patients who cannot easily travel to the office for care. HB 334 builds on existing telehealth flexibilities with the goal of providing greater access and reducing disruptions to care.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

DHA is pleased to support HB 334 with the inclusion of HA 1 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Saint Francis Healthcare
James Woodward
Acting President

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Vincent Kane
Director

Delaware Healthcare Association
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.