



December 22, 2023

*Brian W. Frazee*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Marie Pinkney  
Delaware General Assembly  
Dover, DE 19904

Dear Senator Pinkney,

*Nemours Children's Health*  
Mark Mumford,  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Executive,  
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President, & CEO  
Trinity Health Mid-  
Atlantic Region

*Delaware Healthcare Association*  
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Thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 195, an act to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to the Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (DMOST). The Delaware Healthcare Association is pleased to support this bill.

DMOST forms allow Delawareans who are seriously ill or have advance frailty to plan for health-care decisions and express their wishes in writing. This ensures that health care providers act in accordance with a patient's expressed preferences, particularly in case a patient is unable to communicate with a provider. Unfortunately, DMOST is being underutilized. SB 195 takes important steps to boost DMOST utilization by creating a DMOST Program at the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). The program will include training and education on the DMOST forms, a website to raise awareness about the program, maintenance of the statewide electronic registry for DMOST forms hosted by the Delaware Health Information Network, and more. DMOST is a critical program to ensure end-of-life care is consistent with patients' wishes. This is particularly important in Delaware with our growing aging population.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 195. We look forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Frazee'.

Brian Frazee  
President & CEO  
Delaware Healthcare Association

