



March 24, 2021

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable Nicole Poore
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for SB 85, Guardianship Fees

Dear Senator Poore,

*Alfred I. duPont Hospital
for Children*

Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

Bayhealth

Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

Beebe Healthcare

David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
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ChristianaCare

Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

TidalHealth Nanticoke

Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Saint Francis Healthcare

Brandon S. Harvath,
President & COO

Wilmington Veterans

Affairs Medical Center
Vincent Kane
Director

Delaware Healthcare

Association
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor of Senate Bill 85 to amend Title 12 of the Delaware Code relating to the Public Guardian. DHA is pleased to support this bill.

SB 85 allows the Public Guardian to collect fees for services in accordance with standards to be established by the Guardianship Commission and approved by the Court of Chancery. This is part of an important effort led by the Non-Acute Patient Medical Guardianship Task Force to ensure that patients who are in the hospital but are no longer in need of acute care are able to effectively transfer to a more appropriate care setting. Far too many patients are stuck in the hospital longer than necessary because they lack someone who can make medical decisions on their behalf. We appreciate your leadership and dedication to addressing this critical issue.

DHA is pleased to support SB 85 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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

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.