



April 9, 2019

*Wayne A. Smith*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Trey Charles Paradee  
411 Legislative Avenue  
Dover, DE 19901

Ref: Support for SB 35

Dear Senator Paradee,

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

Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor on SB 35, To Amend Title 18 of the Delaware Code Related to Health Insurance Contracts. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support this legislation.

*Bayhealth*  
Terry Murphy,  
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. SB 35 incorporates into Delaware law certain health insurance consumer protection provisions established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Specifically, the law prohibits insurance plans and policies from denying or limiting coverage for an individual based on preexisting provisions and incorporates the ACA's guaranteed issue and availability of coverage and permissible rating provisions into Delaware law. Given the recent court challenges to the ACA, it is important for Delaware to maintain these consumer protections allowing all Delawareans to have access to health insurance regardless of their medical history. Those with health insurance see their doctors more frequently and address ailments earlier than those without insurance, leading to better health outcomes.

*Beebe Healthcare*  
Jeffrey M. Fried  
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*Christiana Care Health  
System*  
Janice E. Nevin, M.D.  
MPH  
President & CEO

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

DHA is pleased to support SB 35 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

*Saint Francis Healthcare*  
Daniel Sinnott  
President & CEO

Sincerely,

*Delaware Healthcare  
Association*  
Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO

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

Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO