

Brian W. Frazee President & CEO March 5, 2024

The Honorable Sarah McBride Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19904

Dear Senator McBride,

Nemours Children's Health Mark Marcantano, JD Regional President, Nemours Children's Delaware Valley

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Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

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Saint Francis Hospital James Woodward President, & CEO Trinity Health Mid-

Delaware Healthcare Association Brian W. Frazee President & CEO

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The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support SB 220.

Ensuring access to care is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. Unfortunately, prior authorization requirements are burdensome to healthcare providers and negatively impact patients' access to care. DHA is pleased to support SB 220 that seeks to ensure that Medicaid patients access to care is not jeopardized by a lack of prior authorization from third-party payers. It would also help to reduce the administrative burden healthcare providers face by ensuring that a third-party payer must accept the authorization provided by the state for covered services.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 220. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian Frazee

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