



May 7, 2019

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable William Bush
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Ref: Support for HB 146

Dear Representative Bush,

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

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor on HB 146 to amend Title 18 of the Delaware Code Relating to Health Insurance. 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 for enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be. HB 146 makes three important changes regarding health insurers and their relationships to providers in order to reduce the overall cost and make the process of claims, payments, and post claim adjudication audits more efficient.

Beebe Healthcare
Rick Schaffner, RN
Interim President & CEO

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

Specifically, the bill limits the number of records to 400 that can be requested by an insurer, or payor, from a health care provider for post claim adjudication audits for a specific episode of care within 45 days. Some providers can currently face as many as 1,000 records requests per month, often with tight turnaround times that place significant paperwork burden on the provider. The bill also establishes a minimum filing standard for claims to be made, allowing providers 180 days to submit a claim for reimbursement, which is similar to Maryland's filing standard. Finally, the bill sets requirements for electronic medical claim submissions and payment remittance. These changes will improve the claims and reimbursement process while also reducing costs and administrative burden for all health care providers.

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

Saint Francis Healthcare
Daniel Sinnott
President & CEO

DHA is pleased to support HB 146 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

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

Sincerely,

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

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO