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The Honorable Kim Williams
411 Legislative Ave.
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for House Bill 54, Coverage for Epinephrine Autoinjectors

Dear Representative Williams,

Nemours Children's
Health
Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 54, relating to coverage of epinephrine autoinjectors. The Delaware Healthcare Association is pleased to support this legislation.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

HB 54 requires that all health insurance plans subject to requirements under Delaware law must include at least 1 formulation of epinephrine autoinjectors on the lowest tier of the carrier's drug formulary by January 1, 2024. Epinephrine is critical as the first-line treatment for anaphylaxis. Unfortunately, a delay in using epinephrine in cases where there are severe allergic reactions can lead to death. While epinephrine is available as a prescription and encouraged to be carried by those with severe allergies, the high cost can create a barrier to access. DHA supports HB 54 to ensure greater access to epinephrine.

Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. DHA supports HB 54 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Sincerely,

Saint Francis Hospital
Christopher Cullom,
MSHA, MBA
President, Saint Francis
Hospital

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan Williams'.

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