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The Honorable William Bush 411 Legislative Ave Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Supporting Comments Overpayment Recovery and Audit Practice (HB 212)

Dear Representative Bush,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, thank you for the opportunity to express support for House Bill 212, relating to clawbacks.

HB 212 promotes greater accountability in the overpayment recovery process. Under current law, clawbacks can occur anytime within a 24 month timeframe and that timeframe can be even longer if certain exceptions are met such as a suspicion of waste or fraud. We appreciate that HB 212 takes steps to improve this process by reducing the timeframe for clawbacks to twelve months and tightening up the fraud and abuse exceptions with the aim of ensuring there is more definitive proof of misconduct. DHA also supports provisions in the bill requiring similar proof for PBM audit activities. To further strengthen this bill now or in the future, we respectfully recommend including definitions of waste, fraud, and abuse to avoid insurers or PBMs seeking clawbacks for unreasonable and unrealistic reasons.

We strongly support HB 212 to help protect healthcare providers from unnecessary burden and uncertainty so they may continue to focus on patient care.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 212 and for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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