



April 21, 2026

The Honorable Spiros Mantzavinos
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Supportive Comments for Biomarker Testing Coverage (SS 1 for SB 120)

Dear Senator Mantzavinos,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, thank you for the opportunity to express the Delaware Healthcare Association's (DHA) support for Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 120. This bill would require insurance coverage for biomarker testing when supported by medical and scientific evidence.

Ensuring access to high-quality, affordable healthcare remains one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2026, and SB 120 directly advances this priority. Biomarker testing is a critical tool for clinicians as it allows providers to tailor treatment plans based on a patient's unique biological profile, particularly in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Biomarker testing coverage will help improve patient outcomes by enabling earlier and more accurate treatment, reducing the need for trial-and-error approaches, and minimizing exposure to ineffective therapies. This bill also supports more efficient and effective use of healthcare workforce and its resources by helping avoid unnecessary treatments and reducing avoidable complications.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SS 1 for SB 120. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christina Bryan'.

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